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YOU'RE WELCOME TO UPLOAD THIS SCANLATION IN ANOTHER WEBSITE. BUT PLEASE WAIT 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU DO THAT. THANKS

WE, WE'VE DONE IT..!!
FI..FINALLY ……!!
鬼!!男塾 待望の瞬間!!の巻

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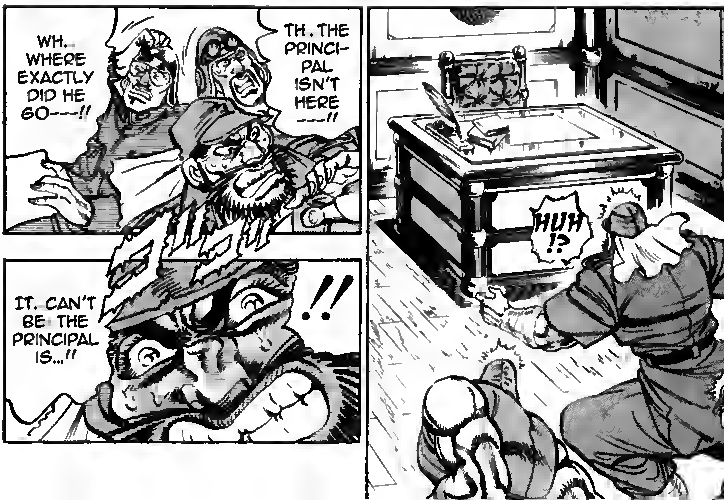
CHP. 250: THE LONG-ANTICIPATED MOMENT!!

CHAMPION! OTOKOJUKU IS THE CHAMPION!! WITH THE VICTORY OF OTOKOJUKU GENERAL TSURUGI MOMOTAROU,
NOW WE HAVE STRUCK THE END OF THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI!!
WE... WE'VE WON!!
WE... WE'RE THE CHAMPIONS---!!
UOO !!

DR... PRIN-CIPAL ---!!
O...OUR OTOKOJUKU HAS FI-NALLY CON-QUERED THE TENCHOU GORIN DAI-BUKAI---!!
TH...THEY'VE DONE IT ---!!


WH..WHERE EXACTLY DID HE GO---!!
TH..THE PRINCI-PAL ISN'T HERE ---!!
HUH !?
IT..CAN'T BE THE PRINCIPAL IS...!!
!!

mo... momo !!
NOW THE CAGE HAS OPENED AND ALL OF OTOKOJUKU'S PLAYERS ARE RUSHING OVER TO THE POSITION OF THEIR GENERAL, TSUGUSI MOMOTAROU!!
MY. MY ONLY SON THAT MONEY CAN'T BUY HAS ——.!
NUUU, WH. WHAT CAN I SAY. ...!! GO. GOUKI ..!!
!!
HO... HOLD ON!!
NU!!
TH...THOSE OTOKOJUKU...!! n...NOT ONE OF THEM IS GOING TO GO HOME ALIVE...!
KI... KILL THEM !!

WH_WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MOMO!?
!?
UUH ....!!
HE...HE'S ALIVE: THAT...THAT GOUKI GUU HASN'T DIED YET---!!
WH... WHAT !?
HE'S A BADGER OF THE SAME HOLE AS HIS FATHER, TOUDOU HYOUE!!
WHY, MOMO !?
IF LUCK IS GOOD, THEN I'LL SAVE JUST HIS LIFE.
YES, I AVOIDED HIS VITALS.

SA... SAD-NESS...!?
BUT THERE WAS A SAD-NESS THAT CAN'T BE COMPARED LOOKING IN THE CENTER OF THE EYES OF A MAN
FU; I DON'T WELL UN-DERSTAND IT EITHER.
BURNING WITH AMBI-TION AND FIGHTING SPIRIT.....!!
NOW A STRETCHER IS JUMP-ING RIGHT DOWN THERE---!!
TH...THIS IS SURPRISING!! IT SEEMS LIKE TOUDOU SOUKI, GENERAL OF THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS, ISN'T DEAD!
WHAT'S WRONG!?
U...YOUR EXCEL-LENCY, IT'S... IT'S TER-RIBLE!!
WITH THIS, I CAN AC-KNOWLEDGE THEM AS CHAMPIONS.
FUFU, A STRANGE THING HAS HAP-PENED

TH... THAT'S .....!!
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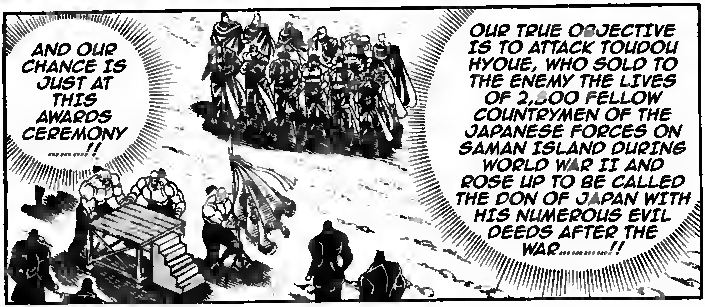
I..I HAD A WORRY SOMEHOW ABOUT THIS OTOKOJUKU TEAM AND THE RESULTS OF WHAT I'VE INVESTIGATED ARE HERE!!
PL.. PLEASE LOOK AT THIS!
EV.EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS A DESTINY TO DIE AFTER ALL!!
KUKU .....!!

WILL THE GENTLEMEN PLAYERS OF OTOKOJUKU PLEASE FORM A LINE IN THE CENTER OF THE BATTLEGROUND!!
CONTINUING ONWARDS, FROM HERE WE WILL BE HOLDING THE AWARDS CEREMONY!!

YES, IT'S BEEN A LONG ROAD
THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME!!


AND OUR CHANCE IS JUST AT THIS AWARDS CEREMONY ……!!
OUR TRUE OBJECTIVE IS TO ATTACK TOUDOU HYOUE, WHO SOLD TO THE ENEMY THE LIVES OF 2,000 FELLOW COUNTRYMEN OF THE JAPANESE FORCES ON SAMAN ISLAND DURING WORLD WAR II AND ROSE UP TO BE CALLED THE DON OF JAPAN WITH HIS NUMEROUS EVIL DEEDS AFTER THE WAR……!!

WILL EVERY-ONE IN THE ARENA PLEASE STAND!!

WE LEAVE THIS TO YOU, MOMO!!
FROM HERE IS THE TRUE CRITICAL MOMENT !!

UMU!!

NOW ENTERING IS HE HIMSELF, THE ORGANIZER OF THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI, TOUDOU HYOUE-SAMA!!
PLEASE GIVE HIM A GRAND APPLAUSE!!

THE TOURNAMENT'S CHAMPION-SHIP FLAG SHALL BE AWARDED FROM THE HANDS OF TOUDOU-SAMA HIMSELF!!
WILL THE GENERAL OF OTOKO-JUKU COME TO THE FRONT!!

YOU HAVE HELD FAITH AND HAD MAGNIFICENT FIGHTS!!
WELL, TAKE THIS!!
I SHALL GRANT WHATEVER ALL OF YOU WISH FOR AS YOUR PRIZE.
AND YOU SHOULD HAVE WHAT YOU DESIRE!!
WHAT WE WISH FOR IS ONE THING!!
FU, WE'VE RECEIVED AN UNDESERVED HONOR ....!!

THAT IS YOUR LIFE ---!!
YOU FOOL !!

HUH !!

YOU CAN'T LAY A FINGER ON ME!!
FUFU, YOU FOOL!!
WH...WHAT WAS THAT NOW---!! MOMO'S SWORD WAS REPELLED AND BROKE ----!
M... MO MO !!
!!
ITS UNIQUE ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE, WHICH CAN'T BE SEEN BY THE EYES, WRAP ME UP WITHIN A METER RADIUS AND GUARDS ME AS IT REPELS EVEN A BAZOOKA SHELL!!
YOU SHOULD SEE THIS!! THIS DEVICE IS CALLED THE BARRIER JACKET SYSTEM (B - J - S), WHICH WAS DEVELOPED BY THE AMERICAN NATIONAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AS THE PROTECTOR OF IMPORTANT PEOPLE
KU!!

IT SEEMS HE'S SEEN THROUGH OUR OBJECTIVE!!
TH...THAT A**HOLE!!
THERE IS NO MEANS TO ESCAPE FROM THESE MACHINE GUNS AT POINT-BLANK RANGE!!
ALL OF YOU SHALL BE SENT TO HELL CORDIALLY!!
FUFU I WAS SURPRISED AS WELL HOW COULD IT BE THAT EOAJIMA HEIHACHI WAS THE SOLE SURVIVOR ON SAMAN ISLAND!!

FIRE!!
NUU!!
MO... MO... MO!!
HUH!!

WE.. WE'RE THE OTOKOJUKU SHITENNOU.....!! TH...THERE ISN'T A REASON TO LEND OUT THE DEATHS FOR WHAT WE SENPAI CARE ABOUT FOR SHOW. ...!
KI...KILL HIM.....!! WI...WITH OUR CORPSES AS SHIELDS, CE..CERTAINLY TA...TAKE THAT TOUDOU.....!
SEN PAI --- !!

TN:

IT MUST REALLY BE HARD TO BE A THIRD-YEAR AROUND NOW. THE CHINJU CORRIDOR TRIO ARE DEAD, JAKI JUST BLEW HIMSELF UP, AND NOW THE SHITENNOU ARE BEING SHOT AT BY TOUDOU'S PRIVATE MILITIA! THOUGH...WHILE I DO MOURN WHAT IS HAPPENING (EVEN IF I QUESTION MANJIMARU BEING IN CHARGE OF TELLING THEM TO GO FORTH WHEN EIKEI SHOULD BE THEIR LEADER), THIS AND THE NEXT FEW CHAPTERS ACTUALLY FEEL WAY DIFFERENT AND MORE INTERESTING DUE TO...WELL, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN FOREVER THAT REAL, ACTUAL CHARACTER INTERACTION OUTSIDE FIGHTING BAD GUYS IN A TOURNAMENT IS OCCURRING!

IT JUST FEELS LIKE THE OLD PART OF THE SERIES INSTEAD OF MOST OF WHAT WE GOT IN THE DAIBUKAI...NOTHING AGAINST THE DAIBUKAI BUT THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THE CHARACTERS ACTING LIKE CHARACTERS AND NOT FIGHTERS IN A TOURNAMENT JUST FEELS BETTER IN SOME WAYS. OH AND, YEAH, TOUDOU IS JUST A SICKO CONSIDERING THE WHOLE THING WAS SET-UP SO HE COULD MAKE MOMO AND THE OTHERS TRY TO ATTACK HIM, MAKING THEM FAIL AND THUS TAKE THEM OUT. IT IS WEIRD HE TOOK SO LONG TO FIND OUT THAT THEY WERE CONNECTED TO EDAJIMA. MAKES ME THINK THAT HE HASN'T HEARD OF EDAJIMA IN YEARS, BUT NOW THAT HE DOES KNOW (AND THE PRINCIPAL IS ON A ONE-WAY TRIP BACK AGAIN TO MEIOU ISLAND)...HEADS ARE GOING TO ROLL! (WELL HOPEFULLY THE SHITENNOU SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH BEFORE THAT HAPPENS)

凄絶!! 塁義盾行の巻

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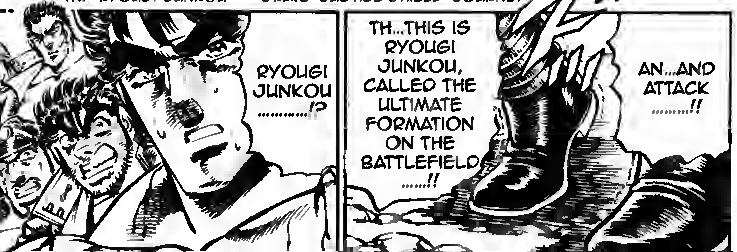
龍義盾行の巻
YOU'VE BRAVELY VOLUNTEERED YOUR OWN BODIES AND BECOME SHIELDS TO PROTECT YOUR KOUHAI---!!
WAH-HA-HAHA: YOU FOOLS----!!
CHP. 251: GRUESOME!!
RYOUGI SHUNKOU

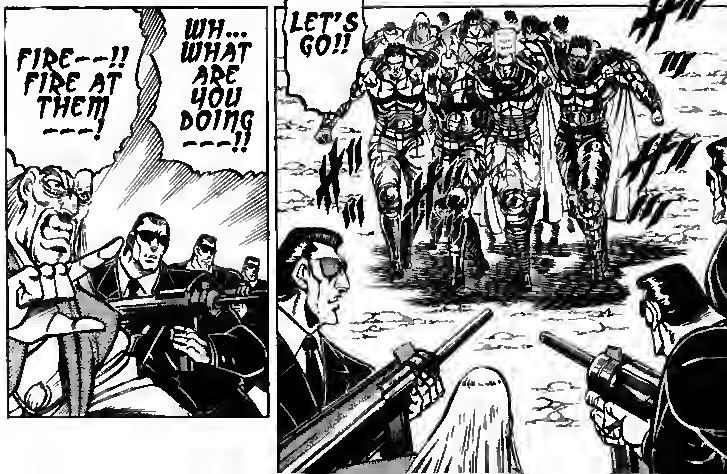
IN FRONT OF THESE OVER-WHELMING SMALL ARMS, THE DESTINY FOR ALL OF YOU HAS AL-READY BEEN DECIDED
BUT THIS MOVING TALE ULTIMATELY DOESN'T SURPASS DYING IN VAIN
EVEN AS YOU DIE, YOU'VE FURTHER TAKEN THE NIOU-STANCE .....!!
BUT YOU HAVE GREAT TENACITY!!
ALL OF YOU WILL BE SENT TO WHERE YOUR KIND-HEARTED SENPAI ARE
WELL, YOU SHOULD CHANT THE NAME OF BUDDHA.
YOU---!!

HO.. HOLD ON.....!!
HUH !?
A..ALL OF YOU DON'T HAVE REASON TO DIE HERE...!!
SE... SENPAI ---!!
WE..WE WILL SHOW THE POTENTIAL OF OTOKOJUKU'S SHITENNOU.....!!
TH.. THEY'RE STILL ALIVE.....!!
W.. WHAT .....!!

TN: "RYOUGI JUNKOU" = "GRAVE-JUSTICE SHIELD-JOURNEY"



RYOUGI JUNKOU...A TACTIC DEVISED DURING THE BATTLE OF KAWANAKA ISLAND OF TAKEDA SHINGEN AND UESUGI KENSHIN, WHICH WAS CELEBRATED AS A FOREMOST FAMOUS BATTLE DURING THE SENGOKU ERA, WHEN THE SCOUTING CORP OF NAOE KANETSUGU, THE MILITARY COMMANDER OF UESUGI'S SIDE, ENCOUNTERED AN AMBUSH OF THE BOW-AND-ARROW CORP OF TAKEDA'S SIDE AND WERE TRAPPED IN A DILEMMA. FOUR BRAVE MEN, WHO WERE DETERMINED TO DIE, FACED THE ARROWS THAT WERE FLYING AS RAIN AND HAIL, MUTUALLY BROUGHT TOGETHER THEIR SHOULDERS FIRMLY, ADVANCED FORWARDS WITH THEIR OWN BODIES AS SHIELDS, OPENED UP A BREACH AND THEIR ALLIES, WHO CONTINUED BEHIND THEM, ANNIHILATED THE ENEMY. HEREAFTER, THIS TACTIC BECAME THE SUPREME FORMATION AND THE FOUR WHO BECAME THE SHIELD WERE PRAISED AS WAR HEROES BY THE UESUGI CLAN.



SE... SEN-PAI, --!!
WH... WHAT ARE THEY, ---!!

WH...WHY!! WHY AREN' THEY DYING ---!
TH...THEY'RE MONSTERS ---!! TH...THEY'RE STILL AD-VANCING WHILE TAKING THIS MANY BULLETS----!

GE, TH... THE BUL- LETS!!
WE... WE'VE RUN OUT TOO ---!!
UOO !!
N... NOW !!
GO!!
OSU !!

YOU---!!
HI!!

GUW
AA!!
GAHA
!!

KUO !!
GE HA !!
UGO !!

ARE YOU MESSING WITH US, YOU A**HOLES ---!!
ทนน !!

FUFU, Y...YOU'VE DONE WELL
WI...WITH THAT, WHAT'S REMAINS IS ONLY TOUDOU HYOUE.....!!
.....!!
WE... LEAVE YOU THE REST.....!!
THE...OTOKO-JUKU SHITEN-NOU HAVE DIED FOR ALL OF YOU! .....!!
TH...THINK OF US WITH PRIDE...!!
IT...IT SEEMS WE'VE COME TO THE END, AND WE'VE DONE THIS LIKE SENPAI FOR ALL OF YOU....!!

NO... NO, DON'T DIE --!!
RA-SETSU, SENKUU, MANJI-MARU, EIKEI ----!!
WI...WITH THIS, I'VE INCREASED BY ONE MORE MY REASONS TO ATTACK YOU .....!!

DO YOU STILL THINK I CAN BE ATTACKED BY SOME-ONE LIKE ALL OF YOU?
FUFU. WHAT ARE YOU JESTING ABOUT, YOUNG-STER!!
TH...THIS IS YOUR END, TOUDOU HYOUE!!
DO...DON'T JOKE AROUND; DO YOU THINK WE'LL MISS THIS HAVING REACHED THIS POINT ---!!
YOU SHOULD WASH YOUR NECKS AND WAIT UNTIL THE TIME WE WILL MEET!!
BUT HERE I MUST TEMPO-RARILY GO AWAY
!?
NU !!

UH !!
WH... WHAT---!!
A... HELI-COP-TER---!
TH....THAT OLD-MAN TOUDOU IS GOING TO ESCAPE IN THE HELI-COPTER!!

WELL, YOUR EXCEL-LENCY, HURRY IN HERE!!
KUU !!
UMU.
WA... WAIT ---!!
FUFU, SO THEN, SEE YOU.

NUGU !!
N...NO, HE'S... GET-TING AWAY ---!!
WI...WITH THEM SHOOTING LIKE THAT FROM THE AIR, EVEN MOMO CAN'T GET NEAR---!!
TH... THOUGH WE'VE FINALLY CORNERED HIM, IT'S COME TO NOTHING ---!!
!!
WH... WHAT IS TH... THAT!?
SO...SOME-THING IS AIMING FOR THIS HELICOP-TER WITH IN-CREDIBLE SPEED FROM THE FRONT!!

UWA AA ---!
ZA!!!
TH... THAT'S, IT... CAN'T BE ---!!
WH... WHAT ---!!

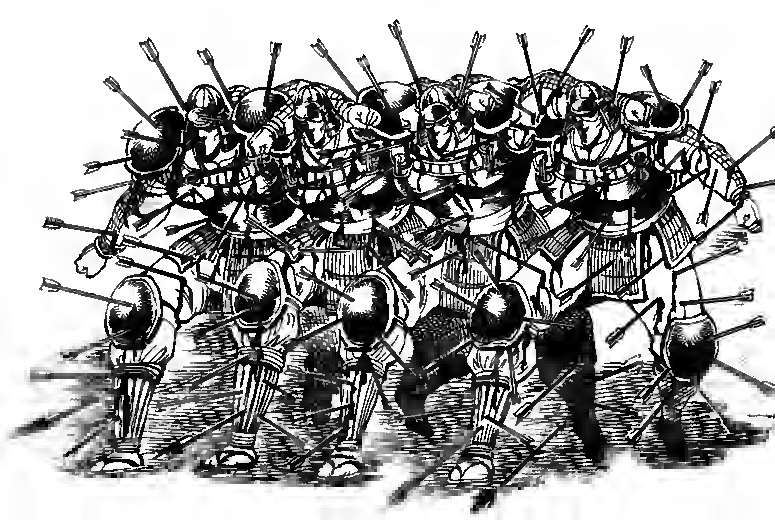
TOUDOU HYOUE!! THE IRON HAMMER THAT WILL FALL ON YOU WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL OF OTOKOJUKU, EDAJIMA HEI-HACHI!!

TN:

YEAH ..WITH TOUDOU FINALLY IN REACH, THERE WAS NO WAY EDAJIMA WAS GOING TO LET HIM GET AWAY THAT EASILY WITHOUT TAKING A CRACK AT HIM HIMSELF! IT DOES MAKE ONE WONDER HOW MUCH GAS HE IS WASTING FLYING OUT FROM OTOKOJUKU, FIGHTING IN THE TOURNEY, FLYING BACK TO JAPAN, DOING THE JAKI FUNERAL, THEN FLYING RIGHT BACK TO MEIOU ISLAND TO ATTACK TOUDOU.. BUT HE'S EDAJIMA, DON'T QUESTION WHAT HE DOES OR YOU'LL GET AN EARFUL.

ASIDE FROM THAT, THIS JUST FELT LIKE ANOTHER CHAPTER WHICH FELT VERY RELIEVING AND DIFFERENT FROM ALL WE HAD BEEN THROUGH IN THE TOURNAMENT. IN PARTICULAR WAS JUST THE AWESOMENESS OF THE ENTIRE OTOKOJUKU FORCE (WELL THE FIRST-YEARS AND AKASHI) LETTING LOOSE AND ATTACKING TOUDOU'S MEN JUST AS THEY RAN OUT OF BULLETS EVEN WITH THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF MANJIMARU, SENKUU, RASETSU AND EIKEI. THE FIGHT SCENE WITH ALL OF THEM GOING AT IT JUST FELT LIKE ALL THE PENT-UP ORDER OF THE WHOLE ARC IS FINALLY GOING AWAY AND WE CAN JUST TAKE DOWN THE ENEMY IN A MANNER OTOKOJUKU PREFERS. .INSTEAD OF THESE FORMALIZED MATCHES THAT KEEP GOING ON AND ON AT THESE TIMES. THE SACRIFICE OF THE SHITENNOU NOT ONLY FELT SAD, BUT ALSO JUST FELT LIKE THESE CHARACTERS WERE ACTUALLY SHOWING A SEMPAI/KOUHAI RELATIONSHIP WE NEVER HAD FROM THEM PRIOR TO THIS MOMENT.

BEFORE, THEY WERE EITHER ENEMIES OR JUST TAKING TURNS IN A TOURNAMENT. BUT NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOU ACTUALLY FEEL THE CAMARADERIE THAT WE'VE SEEN MOSTLY BETWEEN MOMO AND AKASHI, AS THE THIRD-YEARS ACTUALLY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE TAKING CARE OF THE FIRST AND SECOND-YEARS IN A MANNER THAT BEFITS AS OPPOSED TO MERELY IN A TOURNEY FASHION. IN SOME WAYS I SORT OF WISH THERE WERE OTHER MEANS BY WHICH THIS WAS DEVELOPED OUTSIDE OF COMBAT LIKE HOW WE SAW THE EVOLUTION OF THE FIRST-YEARS.. BUT AFTER ALL THESE VOLUMES OF TOURNAMENT, I GUESS THIS IS ALL WE'RE GETTING SADLY.



TH...THAT'S
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CHP. 252: THE BITTER ENEMY: TOUDOU!!

仇敵・藤堂!!の巻

……!!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, TOUDOU. NO, FORMER SAMAN ISLAND COMMANDING OFFICER ISA TAKEMITSU.
I CAN'T SAY I DON'T REMEMBER YOU WITH THAT FACE!!
FUFU, EDAJIMA?
IF I REMEMBER WELL, THEN IT'S NOT A MIRACLE THAT THE ONLY SURVIVOR OF SAMAN ISLAND IS YOU.
THERE WAS A RUMOR: AFTER THE WAR ENDED,
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SAID "IF THERE'S TEN PEOPLE LIE EDAJIMA, THEN AMERICA WOULD HAVE LOST TO JAPAN".

IF YOU FELT LIKE IT, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY FOR YOU TO EVEN TAKE THE SEAT OF PRIME MINISTER OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY.
FU, SO THEN, WHY NOW ARE YOU A PRINCIPAL OF A SCHOOL WHOSE NAME ISN'T EVEN KNOWN?
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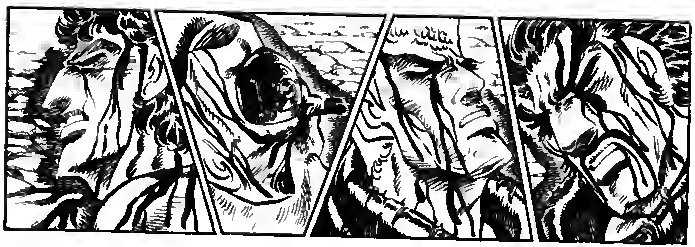
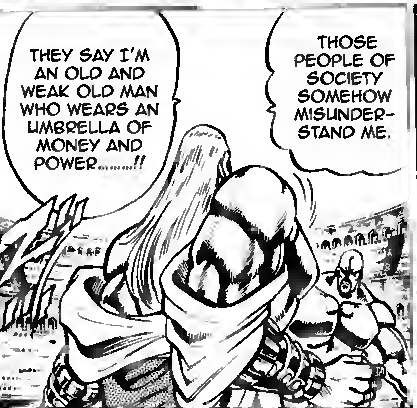
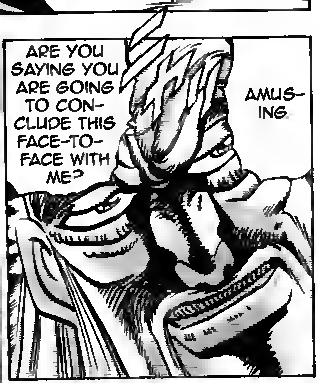


YOU MUST NOT INTERFERE AT ALL!!
STEP BACK, ALL OF YOU.
THE... OTOKOJUKU SHITENNOU BECAME SHIELDS SO THEY COULD PROTECT US.....!!
IT.. IT WAS A SPLENDID DEATH FOR THEM ...!!

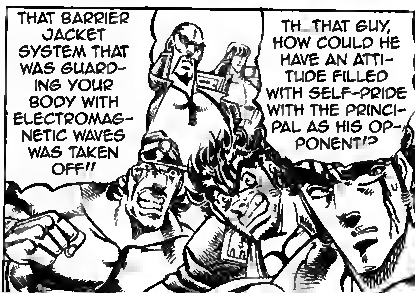
YOUR BODY WILL BE ENTOMBED DOWN TO HELL WITHOUT LEAVING BEHIND A PIECE OF YOU!!
YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED, TOUDOU!!


THEY SAY I'M AN OLD AND WEAK OLD MAN WHO WEARS AN UMBRELLA OF MONEY AND POWER.....!!
THOSE PEOPLE OF SOCIETY SOMEHOW MISUNDERSTAND ME.


ARE YOU SAYING YOU ARE GOING TO CONCLUDE THIS FACE-TO-FACE WITH ME?
AMUSING

THE KILLED AVENGER WILL BE YOU, EDAJIMA!!
MY ULTIMATE WEAPON IS THIS BODY!!
BUT THAT'S A BIG MISTAKE.

HE ISN'T AN ORDINARY PERSON!!
THOSE WELL-TRAINED MUSCLES THAT ARE UNTHINKABLE FOR AN OLD MAN...!!


THAT BARRIER JACKET SYSTEM THAT WAS GUARDING YOUR BODY WITH ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES WAS TAKEN OFF!!
TH...THAT GUY, HOW COULD HE HAVE AN ATTITUDE FILLED WITH SELF-PRIDE WITH THE PRINCIPAL AS HIS OPPONENT!?

WELL, YOU SHOULD COME AT ME FROM ANY-WHERE
YOU SPEAK WELL ---!!
UH!!

nu!!
FUFFUFFU. WHERE WERE YOUR EYES LOOKING AT?
IF IT'S FOR ME, I'M HERE.
!!
muu !!
.....!!
TH...THAT OLDIE TOUDOU IN...INSTANTLY MOVED TO OTHER THERE LIKE HE HAD TELEPORTATION-----!!
WH... WHAT-----!! WH ..WHAT WAS THAT N...NOW ----!

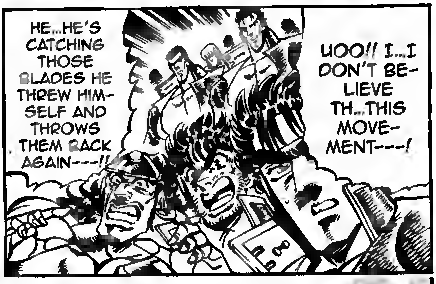
OOOH—!!
YOU HAVE A GREAT STURDY FIST.
BUT IT CAN'T EVEN TOUCH MY BODY
KU!!

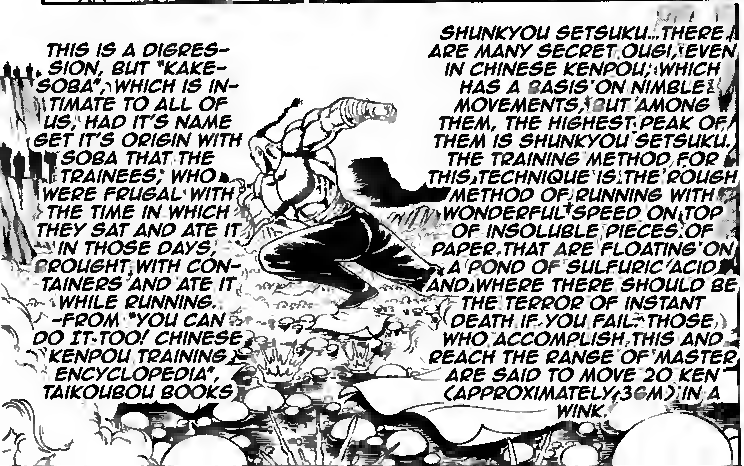
FUFFUFFU. THE MAIN POINT OF MY KENPOU IS A LIGHT AND NIMBLE BODY THAT SHOULD BE AT ITS UTMOST LIMIT!!
YOU---!!
ON THESE BLADES IS LACQUERED A DEADLY POISON THAT WILL CAUSE INSTANT DEATH WITH A SCRATCH TO EVEN A GIGANTIC ELEPHANT!!
NOW I WILL SHOW IT'S ESSENCE TO YOU

CAN THESE BE DODGED BY YOU----!!
WHAT ARE YOU JOKING ABOUT!!
THAT LEVEL OF THING CAN BE AVOIDED EVEN WITH MY EYES SHUT.....!!
!!

WAHHAHAHA: THIS IS KOKUTOU-RYUU KYO-KUOUGI: SHUNKYOU SETSUKU!!
"KOKUTOU-RYUU" = "BLACK-HELMET STYLE" "SHUNKYOU SETSUKU" = "WINKING-SHOUT TEMPLE-DRIVE"
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN AVOID THESE CONSECUTIVE ATTACKS FOREVER!!
DON'T FORGET THAT I SAID IT'S INSTANT DEATH WITH ONE SCRATCH---!!

IT...CAN'T BE! HE'S MASTERED THAT ESSENTIAL.....!!
TH...THAT'S SHUNKYOU SETSUKU.....!!


HE...HE'S CATCHING THOSE BLADES HE THREW HIMSELF AND THROWS THEM BACK AGAIN---!!
UOO!! I...I DON'T BELIEVE TH...THIS MOVEMENT---!


THIS IS A DIGRESSION, BUT "KAKESOBA" WHICH IS INTIMATE TO ALL OF US, HAD IT'S NAME GET IT'S ORIGIN WITH SOBA THAT THE TRAINEES, WHO WERE FRUGAL WITH THE TIME IN WHICH THEY SAT AND ATE IT IN THOSE DAYS, BROUGHT WITH CONTAINERS AND ATE IT WHILE RUNNING. -FROM "YOU CAN DO IT TOO! CHINESE KENPOU TRAINING ENCYCLOPEDIA", TAIKOUBOU BOOKS
SHUNKYOU SETSUKU...THERE ARE MANY SECRET OUGI EVEN IN CHINESE KENPOU, WHICH HAS A BASIS ON NIMBLE MOVEMENTS, BUT AMONG THEM, THE HIGHEST PEAK OF THEM IS SHUNKYOU SETSUKU. THE TRAINING METHOD FOR THIS TECHNIQUE IS THE ROUGH METHOD OF RUNNING WITH WONDERFUL SPEED ON TOP OF INSOLUBLE PIECES OF PAPER THAT ARE FLOATING ON A POND OF SULFURIC ACID AND WHERE THERE SHOULD BE THE TERROR OF INSTANT DEATH IF YOU FAIL. THOSE WHO ACCOMPLISH THIS AND REACH THE RANGE OF "MASTER" ARE SAID TO MOVE 20 KEN (APPROXIMATELY 36M) IN A WINK.

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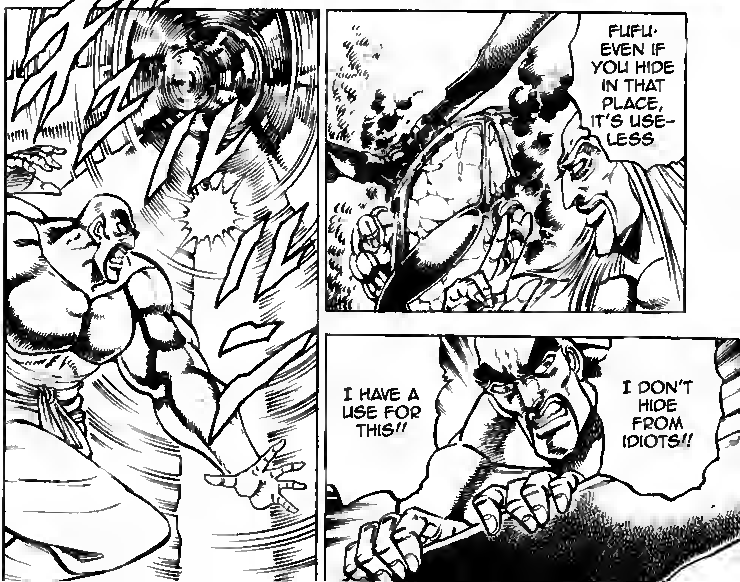
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FUFU. EVEN IF YOU HIDE IN THAT PLACE, IT'S USE-LESS
I HAVE A USE FOR THIS!!
I DON'T HIDE FROM IDIOTS!!

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WH... WHAT ---!!
HE...HE'S FLYING----!! THE...PRINCIPAL IS FLYING HIGH USING A HELI-COPTER PRO-PELLER---!

UH!!
AAH, N...NOW HE'S FALL-ING HEAD-FIRST---!!

……
FUFU WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED EVEN A BIT FROM LONG AGO
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOUR BEHAVIOR IN DEVIATING FROM THE PROPER COURSE OF A MAN.
WH. WHAT ……!?
YOU. YOU SHOULD LOOK CLOSELY UNDER YOUR FEET ……!!
BE. BE RELIEVED JUST WHAT I DID WILL BE WELL UNDERSTOOD EVEN BY YOU
!!

UO!!
TH...THIS IS----!!
I'VE...IVE CAUGHT YOU!!
YOU SHOULD CHANT A PRAYER TO BUDDHA, TOUDOU HYOUE!!

TN:

ABOUT..FRIGGIN..TIME! AFTER ALL THE BUILD-UP AND HYPE REGARDING THEIR RIVALRY, EDAJIMA AND TOUDOU HAD THEIR SHOWDOWN..AND IT DID NOT DISAPPOINT. (WELL IT COULD HAVE BEEN LONGER BUT WE'RE AT THE END OF THE ARC SO YOU HAVE TO CUT SOME CORNERS) ONE THING I FOUND REALLY PECULIAR AND INTERESTING THOUGH WAS SIMPLY THIS. WITH EDAJIMA'S SPECIALTY IN COMBAT PURELY BEING BRAWN AND OVERWHELMING STRENGTH, TOUDOU IS DEPICTED AS A MASTER OF SPEED AND AGILITY, WHICH IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE STYLE OF STRATEGY COMPARED TO SOMEONE WHO WORKS SO BLUNTLY. (LIKE.. WELL, EDAJIMA)

HECK, IT WAS ACTUALLY RATHER IMPRESSIVE CONSIDERING THAT EDAJIMA HAD TO USE THE UNCONVENTIONAL STRATEGY OF "DESTROY THE GROUND PREVENTING ANY FOOTHOLD FROM BEING HELD BY TOUDOU AT ALL..WITH HIS HEAD". BUT THEN AGAIN, THE PRINCIPAL IS ALWAYS UNCONVENTIONAL REGARDING HOW HE FIGHTS..BUT THAT'S OTOKOJUKU IN GENERAL. TOUDOU'S COMMENTS AT THE START THOUGH WERE SORT OF WEIRD AND SPOOKY. CONSIDERING EDAJIMA'S POWER, HE COULD HAVE HAD ANYTHING HE EVER DESIRED JUST LIKE HIM..BUT INSTEAD CHOSE TO BECOME THE PRINCIPAL OF SOME SCHOOL THAT WASN'T EVEN ON THE MAP IN CONCERNS OF THINGS UNTIL THIS TOURNEY.

IT'S REALLY TOUGH TO WONDER OR SAY WHY EDAJIMA CHOSE TO BE A PRINCIPAL INSTEAD OF A POLITICIAN OR REMAIN A SOLDIER THAT COULD HAVE BROUGHT DOWN AMERICA, BUT THAT PROBABLY COULD BE TOLD AT ANOTHER TIME. EVEN HE HAS HIS SECRETS. EVEN IF THEY'RE HARD TO CRACK. (COMPARED TO . WELL, THE GROUND) BUT HEY, WITH ALL THAT'S GOING ON, WE JUST NEED TO CLOSE UP SHOP BEFORE I GO TOO LONG..

I'VE CAUGHT YOU, TOUDOU!!
HI!!
HE... HE DID IT ---!!
AS...AS EXPECTED OF THE PRINCIPAL!! THAT'S STRENGTH ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF COMMON STRENGTH ---!
冥凰島消滅!!の巻

2ND PLACE: DATE OMITO 2055 VOTE
1ST PLACE: TSURUGI MOMOTAROU - 5882 VOTES
3RD PLACE: DAIGOUIN JAKI 1427 VOTES
NUU !!
4TH PLACE: EDAJIMA HEIHACHI 814 VOTES
第4回野郎キャラクター人気投票発表!!
応募総数13951通!!
9TH PLACE: AKASHI GOUJI 242 VOTES
7TH PLACE TOUDOU GOUKI 361 VOTES
5TH PLACE: HIEN 469 VOTES
TH... THAT'S .....!!
10TH PLACE: GEKKOU 226 VOTES
8TH PLACE: TORAMARU RYUUJI 303 VOTES
6TH PLACE: J 408 VOTES
THE REST 11TH SENKUU - 210 VOTES, 12TH MANJIMARU - 143 VOTES, 13TH EIKEI - 128 VOTES, 14TH TOGASHI - 102 VOTES, 15TH DAIDEN - 97 VOTES IN ORDER
CAPTION: 4TH OTOKOJUKU CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL ANNOUNCEMENT!!
冥凰島消滅!!の巻
CHP. 253: ANNIHILATION OF MEIOU ISLAND!!

GUE !!
YOU SHOULD DECIDE TO RESIGN, TOUDOU !!
THE TIME HAS COME TO STRIKE AN END TO ALL OF YOUR NUMEROUS HEINOUS AND INHUMAN THINGS THAT YOU'VE PERFORMED!!
IN...IN TRUTH .....!!
LI... LISTEN A BIT TO MY EXCUSE ---!!
WA... WAIT!! N...NO, WAIT EDAJIMA ---!

DIE ---!!
THAT IS A 45-CALIBER THAT WILL DEFEAT EVEN A LION WITH ONE BLOW.
NO MATTER IF YOU ARE..
PR... PRIN CI- DAL ---!!

nuo oo!!
IF YOU WANT TO DEFEAT ME, THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT A NUCLEAR MISSILE---!!
nun!!
WH... WHAT---!! THOSE BULLETS FROM PRINCIPAL'S BODY WERE---!
uo !!

KUU, YOU'RE A MONSTER!!
I HAVE NO CHOICE!!
HAVING COME TO THIS, I CAN ONLY BRING OUT MY FINAL MEASURE!!
nu!!

!!
WH...WHAT THE, TH...THAT ROCKET-LIKE THING HAS---!!
TH...THAT GUY IS PLANNING TO RUN AWAY WITH THAT!!

10 MINUTES FROM NOW, THIS MEIOU ISLAND WILL EXPLODE AND BE ANNIHILATED WITHOUT LEAVING ANY TRACE.
WAHHA-HAHA: LISTEN EDAJIMA AND YOUNGSTERS OF OTOKO-JUKU!!
TH...THE ISLAND WILL EXPLODE ---!!
WHAT!!
WELL, EVERYONE, HURRY AND PLEASE ESCAPE!!
BECAUSE THAT WOULD GET ALL THESE VIPS FROM AROUND THE WORLD THAT ARE IN THIS BATTLEGROUND INVOLVED IN THIS!!
ORIGINALLY I WANTED TO DESTROY THE ISLAND AND ALL OF YOU AWAY WITHOUT SAYING A WORD OF IT, BUT I CAN'T DO THAT!!

UOO !!
THIS HUMILIATION WILL CERTAINLY BE CLEARED!! UNTIL THEN, WASH YOUR NECKS AND WAIT FOR IT!
FUFFUFFU. FAREWELL!!
HO... HOLD ON, YOU---!!
WA... WAIT !!

!!
MO... MOMO ISN'T HERE---!!
MO.. MOMO ...!?
MO..MOMO ! WHA WHAT EXACTLY WERE OUR HARDSHIPS UNTIL NOW FOR ...!!
HE.. HE'S GONE ...!!
SO THEN, MOMO IS ...!!
HUH !?
HE'LL SPLENDIDLY HANDLE IT!!
OSU WITH HIM,
UMU ...!!
AKASHI.....!! DOES HE HAVE YOUR ZANGANKEN!?

TN: YEAH, I SORT OF FORGOT THIS BUT "ZANGANKEN" ISN'T JUST THE NAME OF AKASHI'S STYLE...BUT HIS SWORD AS WELL...BESIDES, MOMO BROKE HIS SWORD WITH ALL INVOLVING GYUKI AND TOUDOU

FUFU, THAT REALLY GAVE ME A COLD SWEAT
BUT THE NEXT TIME WE MEET WILL BE THEIR END
THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME!!
IT ALL ENDS NOW!!
WHAT!!
UO!!

Y...YOU UN... UN- AWAR- INGLY ~~~~!!

OOH !!
HEAVEN'S PUNISH-MENT!!
OTOKOJUKU FIRST-YEAR TSURUGI MOMOTAROU WILL BE TAKING YOUR LIFE!!
TH... THIS YOUNG-STER HAS!!

GUWAAA——!!
FOR YOU, EVEN HELL IS HALF-HEARTED!!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME UNTIL THE EXPLO-SION!!
LET'S GO!!
mo... mo mo ---!!
mo... mo mo ---!!
HUH!?
CARRY THEM WITH DISCRETION SO THEIR WOUNDS WON'T OPEN ANY FURTHER!!
DON'T FORGET THOSE FOUR.
IT..IT CAN'T BE!!
THE... SHITENNOU HA...HAVEN'T DIED YET ---!!

WH. WHAT HAS HAP-PENED . ..!!
THE. THE SHITENNOU SOMEHOW WAS SAVED BUT.....!!
TH...THAT MOMO .....!!

mo... mo mo !!
FUFU, YOU CALLED !?
mo... mo mo !!

THE NEXT BATTLE IS WAITING FOR US.....!!
LET'S RETURN TO OTOKO-JUKU .....!!
LET'S GO!!

TN:
(PANTS A BIT DUE TO HOW EXHAUSTED HE IS)

WELL. I DON'T KNOW HOW I DID IT. BUT I DID IT. NEARLY 11 MONTHS AFTER TRANSLATING THE FIRST CHAPTER OF IT, THE 17 S VOLUME-LONG EPIC KNOWN AS THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI ARC IS FINALLY COMPLETE' 160 CHAPTERS OF ALL SORTS OF STRANGE COMPETITION (THAT SEEMED TO GET STRANGER BY THE CHAPTER), BIZARRE TECHNIQUES, HEROIC SACRIFICES AND ALL OUT MANLINESS AND GUTS ARE FINALLY BEHIND ME. AND ALL I WANT TO DO NOW IS RELAX FOR A BIT. HONESTLY, WHILE I COULD DO A MASSIVE RANT ABOUT THIS ARC, FOR THE MOST PART I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS. THE ARC BRINGS OUT THE BEST AND THE WORST OF SHONEN BUT YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT FOR WHAT IT IS HONESTLY I LOVED IT FOR ALL OF IT'S PLAY ON CLICHES AND INSANE BATTLE STYLES FROM THE GOOD AND BAD GUYS. THOUGH DO REALIZE IT'S WEAKNESSES OF BEING A TAD PREDICTABLE IN ITS FLOW OF BATTLES AND RATHER LACKING IN TOO MUCH CHARACTER DEVELORMENT OUTSIDE A FEW THINGS HERE OR THERE. BUT HEY, FOR A BATTLE MANGA AT LEAST IT DID IT'S JOB WITH FLYING COLORS

THE CHAPTER ITSELF WAS FOR THE MOST PART A CONCLUSION REGARDING THE WHOLE ARC AS A WHOLE, WITH WHAT COULD BE THE FINAL DOWNFALL OF TOUDOU (CAN'T QUITE SAY WITHOUT SPOILING IF THIS REALLY IS THE END OF TOUDOU OR NOT. BUT CONSIDERING HE WAS SLICED IN TWO BY MOMO WITH AKASHI'S SWORD, HE'S GOING TO NEED TO RECOVER A BIT IF HE DID SURVIVE) THE WHOLE IDEA OF TOUDOU KEEPING A ROCKET UNDER MEIOU ISLAND AND PLANNING TO BLOW IT UP DID REMIND ME MORE OF A JAMES BOND MOVIE THAN OTOKOJUKU, BUT THIS IS A SERIES WHERE GUYS FIGHT WITH TENNIS RACQUETS AND SPRINGS ON THEIR HEADS, SO CONSIDERING TOUDOU'S NATURE IT MAKES SENSE FOR HIM. BUT HEY, THE WAY MOMO GOT ONTO THE SHIP, SLICED TOUDOU AND THEN LANDED RIGHT NEAR A RAFT JUST AS MEIOU ISLAND BLEW TO SMITHEREENS WAS EPIC ENOUGH SO JUST LET IT BE CONSIDERING IT IS A SILLY BUT APPROPRIATE CONCLUSION FOR THE ARC. FOR ONCE, GOOD (WELL, GOOD IN THE SENSE OF OTOKOJUKU GOOD) HAS TRIUMPHED AND TOUDOU IS BROUGHT DOWN. EVEN WITH ALL OF THE PRIME ISLAND REAL ESTATE GONE FOREVER. HONESTLY THIS WOULD BE THE PERFECT POINT TO BREAK FROM OTOKOJUKU. BUT WITH 6 S VOLUMES LEFT AND AN ANTSY FANBASE (OF AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE. MAYBE MORE), I MIGHT AS WELL DIVE RIGHT INTO OUR NEXT ARC NEXT TIME. WHERE THINGS GET. WELL, IT'S HARD TO SAY BUT LET'S LET IT BE FOR WHEN IT HAPPENS

OH AND BEFORE I GO, I JUST WANTED TO GIVE OFF SOMETHING A LITTLE EXTRA. A JAPANESE FAN WEBSITE LITERALLY RANKED THEIR OPINION OF THE RANKING FOR EVERY SINGLE PARTICIPANT IN THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI AS A SPECIAL BONUS FOR SURVIVING THIS ARC WITH ME, I'LL SHARE IT WITH YOU

SPECIAL TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI FINAL PARTICIPANT RANKINGS
(A FAN LIST COMPILED FROM "THE DANSYAKU DINO" ("DANSHAKU/DANSYAKU" IS JAPANESE FOR "BARON", THUS IT'S NAMED AFTER "BARON DINO") -
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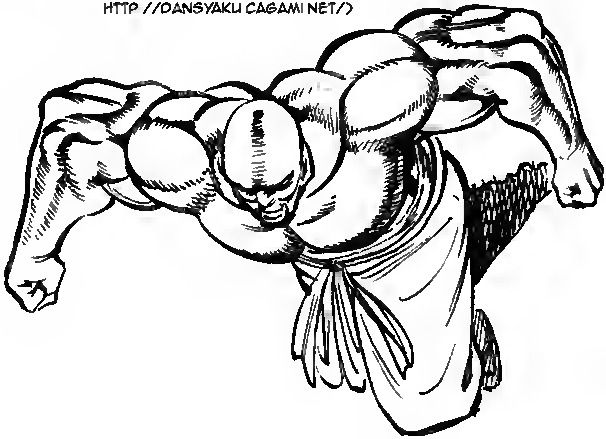

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1. EDAJIMA HEIHACHI (OTOKOJUKU)
2. TSURUGI MOMOTAROU (OTOKOJUKU)
3. HON RINMEI (MEIOU ISLAND)
4. DAIGOUIN JAKI (OTOKOJUKU)
5. SPARTACUS (MEIOU ISLAND)
6. DATE OMITO (OTOKOJUKU)
7. PHARAOH (PHARAOH SPHINX)
8. AKASHI GOUJI (OTOKOJUKU)
9. TOUDOU GOUKI (OTOKOJUKU)
10. ZEUS (OLYMPUS)
11. GENERAL SOUKOU (RYOUZANPAKU)
12. J (KING BUTLER JR.) (OTOKOJUKU)
13. EIKEI (OTOKOJUKU)
14. RAJA MAHAL (MEIOU ISLAND)
15. GEKKOU (OTOKOJUKU)
16. RAIDEN (OTOKOJUKU)
17. ENPOU (GANDHARA)
18. MANJIMARU (OTOKOJUKU)
19. SENKUU (OTOKOJUKU)
20. HIEN (OTOKOJUKU)
21. NESKHONS (PHARAOH SPHINX)
22. RASETSU (OTOKOJUKU)
23. TOUDOU HYOUE (MEIOU ISLAND)
24. HAKUHOU (RYOUZANPAKU)
25. SOUKETSU (RYOUZANPAKU)
26. SANEN (RYOUZANPAKU)
27. GOBARSKI (MEIOU ISLAND)
28. RED THUNDER (MEIOU ISLAND)
29. GEMINI (OLYMPUS)
30. SHU KOUGEN (GANDHARA)
31. SOU REIGEN (POUPOUKAN)
32. DJOSER (PHARAOH SPHINX)
33. ACHILLES (OLYMPUS)
34. ANUBIS (PHARAOH SPHINX)
35. TOU FUUKETSU (POORON KOKURENJU)
36. RYUUHOU (GANDHARA)
37. SHIRAN (MEIOU ISLAND)
38. RYOUKOU (RYOUZANPAKU)
39. SHAI KHAN (MEIOU ISLAND)
40. HOUKETSU (RYOUZANPAKU)
41. CENTAUR (OLYMPUS)
42. HORUS (PHARAOH SPHINX)
43. SETI (PHARAOH SPHINX)
44. TORAMARU RYUUJI (OTOKOJUKU)
45. GYUUHOU (GANDHARA)
46. TOGASHI GENJI (OTOKOJUKU)
47. MICHELE THE BLACK POSE (MEIOU ISLAND)
48. AMON (POORON KOKURENJU)
49. LIMON (POORON KOKURENJU)
50. BARON DINO (HELL MAGICIAN-VERSION) (OTOKOJUKU)
(TN: YEAH...THIS LIST HAS DINO TWICE...JUST GO WITH IT)
51. TAIGEN HOUSHI (GANDHARA)
52. TAIKETSU (RYOUZANPAKU)
53. TOUKETSU (RYOUZANPAKU)
54. SUIKETSU (RYOUZANPAKU)
55. TENSHOU HOUSHI (GANDHARA)
56. PINEDJEM (PHARAOH SPHINX)
57. QUBILAI KHAN (MEIOU ISLAND)
58. FU CHIN (POORON KOKURENJU)
59. KOUSHUUSHI (POORON KOKURENJU)
60. HENSHOUKI (OTOKOJUKU)
61. CHAN HO (POORON KOKURENJU)
62. KYRGYZ KHAN (MEIOU ISLAND)
63. RYUU ZUIKOU (MEIOU ISLAND)
64. RYUU ZUIKI (MEIOU ISLAND)
65. CHINDOU TAISHI (ROUROUKAN)
66. SHUTEN DOUJI (ROUROUKAN)
67. GENERAL SOUKETSU'S SUBORDINATES (RYOUZANPAKU)
68. ARGOS (OLYMPUS)
69. DOKUGANTETSU (OTOKOJUKU)
70. BARON DINO (NORMAL VERSION) (OTOKOJUKU)
(TN: THIS IS THE VERSION WHO FOUGHT CHINDOU TAISHI, NOT HELL MAGICIAN VERSION WHO FOUGHT SUIKETSU. AS I SAID: TWO BARON DINO)
71. REMAINS OF GANDHARA (GANDHARA)
72. GENSEKI-RYUU (THE WHOLE TEAM)
73. REMAINS OF POORON KOKURENJU

IT'S BEEN FAST
不敵な新入生!!の巻
HAS IT BEEN A MONTH SINCE THAT TENCHOU GORIN DAI-BUKAI?
AAH, REALLY
I DIDN'T THINK THAT WE WOULD LIVE AND PASS THROUGH THE SCHOOL GATE OF OTOKO-JUKU AGAIN

不敵な新入生!!の巻
CHP. 254: THE FEARLESS FIRST-YEAR!!

WE'VE DONE IT---!! WE'VE BEEN PROMOTED TO OTOKOJUKU SECOND-YEARS---!
WE WERE GIVEN A SPECIAL HOLIDAY SO WE COULD HEAL OUR WOUNDS AND TODAY IS OUR FIRST DAY IN ATTENDANCE, BUT HAS THE NEW SCHOOL TERM ALREADY STARTED?
KAKKAKA; WE'RE GOING TO PUSH THEM HARD WITH THE STICK OF LOVE AS THEIR SENPAI---!!
SO-THEN, WHAT SORT OF FRESHMEN HAVE ENROLLED HERE?
YEAH, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.
WE'LL QUIETLY GO THERE AND HAVE AN ECOLOGY OBSERVATION FOR THOSE FRESHMEN GUYS!!
IT SEEMS THAT THEIR CLASSES HAVEN'T STARTED YET.
HEHHEHE THEY'RE HERE, THEY'RE HERE
THEY'VE GATHERED AROUND AND ARE JABBERING ABOUT SOMETHING.

FIRST OF ALL THERE'S THE HEAD OF THE SECOND-YEARS, TSURUGI MOMOTAROU-SENPAI!!
IF IT'S ABOUT OTOKOJUKU, THEN I KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT THEM BEFORE I ENROLLED HERE.
WHAT---!? WHO IS THE STRONGEST AT OTOKOJUKU---!! THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.
HE NOW HAS ASCENDED INTO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF OTOKOJUKU FROM THE DEAD RAIGOUIN JAKI AND HIS SKILL, OF COURSE, HAS GIVEN HIM THE DEEP TRUST EVEN FROM HIS ALLIES; THERE ISN'T A PERSON WHO CAN STAND IN LINE WITH THAT GUY!!
WHEN HE HOLDS A SPEAR, HIS ABILITY IS UNEQUAL!!
AND THEN NEXT IS FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE GOU-GAKUREN, DATE OMITO!!
IN PARTICULAR THERE ARE TALES WHERE EVEN THE ENEMIES HAVE BEEN CHARMED BY THE BEAUTY OF HIEN-SENPAI!!
THEY HAVE LOST GEKKOU, BUT HIEN AND RAIDEN OF THE SANMENKEN ARE STRONG TOO!!

THEY'RE IN THE MIDST OF MEDICAL TREATMENT FROM THE WOUNDS THEY TOOK IN THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI, BUT THEIR GUTS AND STRENGTH ISN'T INCOMPLETE!!
OH, YOU CAN'T FORGET THEM, THERE ARE SENKUU, MANJIMARU, RASETSU AND EIKEI: THE OTOKOJUKU SHITENNOU!!
……!!

HIS ZANGANKEN, WHICH HAS THE BLADE LENGTH OF THREE METERS, IS A SHARP SWORD WHICH IS SAID THAT THERE IS NOTHING THAT IT CAN'T CUT IN THIS WORLD ----!!
FORMER HEAD OF THE SECOND-YEARS AKASHI GOUJI IS AMAZING TOO!!

HU-H!?
JU JUST A MOMENT, YOU WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE INFERIORS BUT

E EVEN THOUGH WE'VE BEEN HERE FOREVER, THEY HAVEN'T EVEN COME UP WITH OUR NAMES
……!!
WH. WHAT IS THIS, TO. TOGASHI?

YE... YES!!
AAH--!! I FORGOT A VITAL ONE---!
IT'S...IT'S THAT ONE---!! HIS NAME IS---!
HE...HEY, IT'S THE STRONG AND COOL DUO.....!!
A...AREN'T YOU FORGETTING A MUCH STRONGER ONE.....!!
A MUCH STRONGER GUY.....!?
THERE ARE TALES THAT IF YOU TAKE HIS PUNCH, YOU'LL BE FLYING TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOON---!!
MACH PUNCH J!!
THOSE TOGASHI AND TORAMARU---!?
TOGASHI, TORAMARU.....!?
DON'T YOU KNOW THOSE TWO NAMES----!!
U...YOU: DON'T BE JOKING!! TOGASHI GENJI, TORAMARU PUUU J!!

GUE !!
THE SIMPLY FESTIVE MEN WHO ARE JUST NOISY---!!
WAHHA-HAHA: THEY'RE THE ON-THE-SPOT RELAYS AND COMMEN-TATORS!!
SL. SIMPLY FESTIVE MEN .....!!
O. ON-THE-SPOT RELAYS AND COM-MENTA-TORS!!
WH... WHAT--!! YOU'RE A BRAT ---!
IT...IT CAN'T BE THAT YOU TWO!!
Y...YOU, WE'LL KILL YOU ---!!
!!
WE'RE STARTING CLASS!!
HE-Y, SHAPE UP!!

WHAT'S WRONG ...!?
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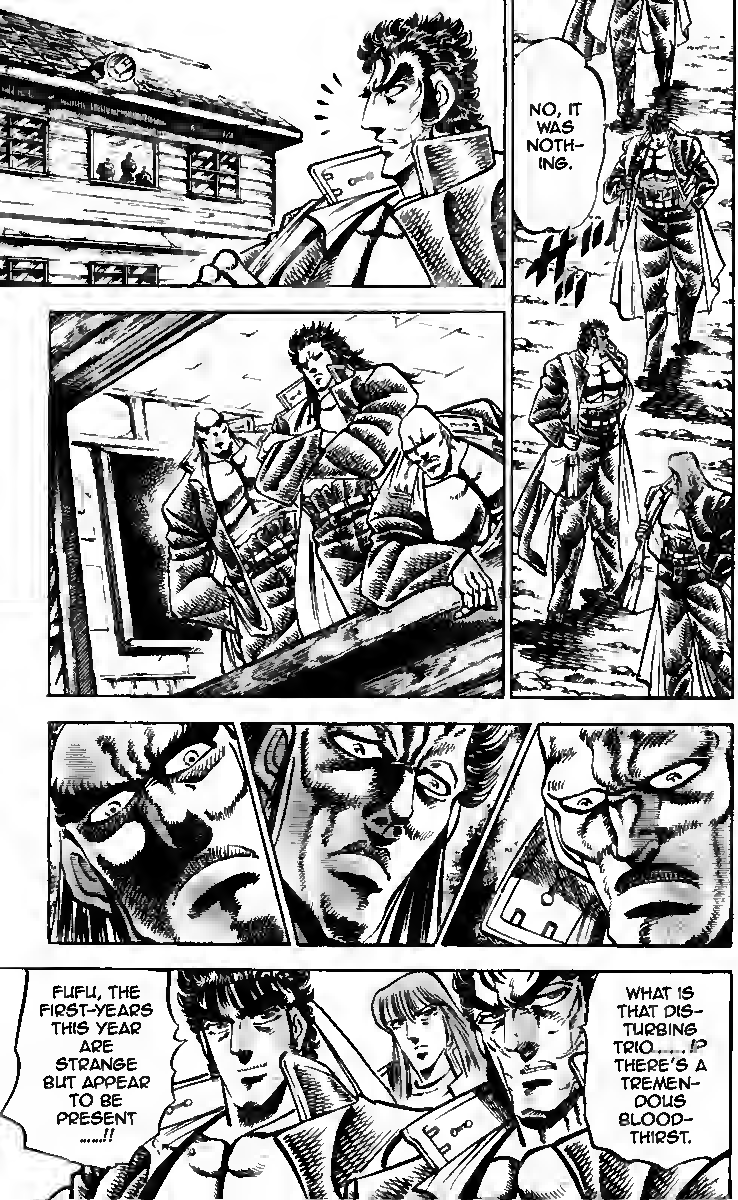

NO, IT WAS NOTHING.
FUFU, THE FIRST-YEARS THIS YEAR ARE STRANGE BUT APPEAR TO BE PRESENT .....!!
WHAT IS THAT DISTURBING TRIO.....!? THERE'S A TREMENDOUS BLOODTHIRST.

EVEN THOUGH ALL OF YOU HAVE BECOME SECOND-YEARS, I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD BE BLESSED IN FROM CONTINUING TO BE DRAGGED BY OMNIGE AND HAVING ME AS YOUR FULL-TIME INSTRUCTOR!!
FIRST, WE'LL CONGRATULATE OUR CHAMPIONS IN THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI!!
UWAHAHA: IT'S BEEN A WHILE ALL OF YOU!!
YOU DUMMY, ISN'T THAT MISFORTUNE?

WHAT'S WRONG TOGASHI, TORAMARU, YOU TWO LOOK ANGRY!?
N!?

HOW COULD THEY BE FIT FOR OTOKOJUKU AMONG THAT INCOMPLETE LOT?
SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER, IT'S THIS YEARS FIRST-YEARS.

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE PRINCIPAL'S SPECIAL INTERVIEW!?
OSU, A QUESTION TO THE TEACHER!!
THAT'S BECAUSE ALL OF THEM HAVE COME TO PASS A SPECIAL INTERVIEW DIRECTLY WITH THE PRINCIPAL
FUFFUFFU WELL, THOSE SORTS OF GUYS AREN'T CAST-OFFS AS SUCH.
WELL THEN, I'LL TELL YOU
ABOUT THIS YEAR'S OTOKOJUKU ENTRANCE EXAM DAY.....!!

SIGN: INTERVIEW ROOM

UH!!
OSU: EXAM SEAT NUMBER 1: OOSAWA KIYOSHI, IS ENTERING!!
WH...WHY DO YOU HAVE THIS GUN...!?
SIGN: EXAMINER
WE'VE INSERTED A BULLET IN THAT SIX-SHOT GUN.
PLACE IT ON THE TEMPLE OF YOUR FOREHEAD AND PULL THE TRIGGER. IF YOU LIVE YOU WILL BE PUBLICLY ELIGIBLE FOR THIS OTOKOJUKU!!

HAH-HA-HAHA
IT...CAN'T BE! YOUR ENTRANCE EXAM IS RUSSIAN ROULETTE...!!
THE OTHER IS THAT WE'RE TESTING YOUR LUCK! BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW MUCH SELF-PRIDE YOU HAVE IN YOUR PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND YOUR GUTS, NOT HAVING THE LUCK IS NOT AN FORECAST THAT YOU WILL LIVE AND GRADUATE FROM THIS SCHOOL!!
FOR ONE THING, WE'RE TESTING YOUR COURAGE!
I..I WON'T DO THIS STUPID THING.....!!
HAHHAHA, RIGHT I'VE CERTAIN OF IT.
IT..IT IS AN ACTUAL BULLET, BUT YOU REALLY JUST PUT IN A SHOT OF A BLANK CARTRIDGE.
.....!!

YOU FAILED---!!
UWAAA---!!
FAILED---!!
FAILED---!!
PASSED---!!
TH... THAT'S MAD.....!!
THE AREA AROUND IS CHANGED INTO A SEA OF URINE AND THE NEXT DAY WE HELD A STRENUOUS EFFORT IN CLEANING IT UP
THE INTERVIEW CONTINUED ON AS SUCH!!

AN... OUTRAGEOUS GUY.....!?
A AMONG THOSE EXAMINEES, THERE WAS ONE OUTRAGEOUS GUY!!
BUT YOUR SURPRISE IS STILL EARLY!!
JUST ONE.....!?
YOU CAN'T HAVE A TEST OF COURAGE WITH THAT.
SEEMS EVEN OTOKOJUKU ISN'T TO THE EXTENT OF THE RUMORS.

!!
BUL-
LETS!!
WITH THIS,
THE PROB-
ABILITY IS
FIVE OUT
OF SIX
I'LL
SHOOT A
BULLET!!

THR·WESSON·
THIS IS MY WAY OF LIVING!!

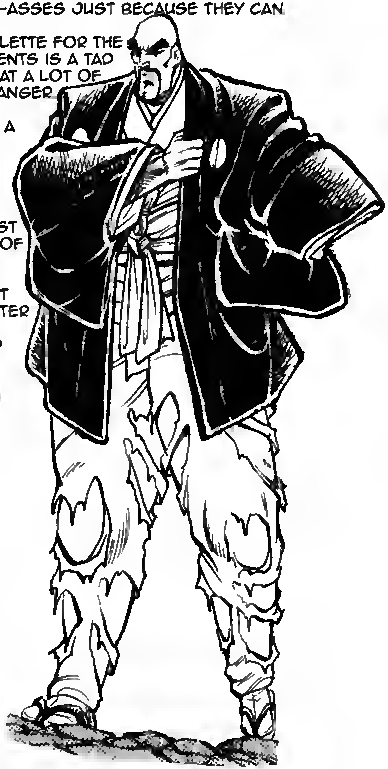
YOU SHOULD GIVE YOUR NAME!!
YOU'VE PASSED!!
I WILL CONQUER THIS OTOKO-JUKU!!
TOUGOU SOUJI!!
FOR THAT REASON .....!!

mo... mo mo!!
WH...WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT THAT BRAZEN GUY, MOMO----!?
HE...HE'S JOKING----!! HE'S CHOKING OTOKOJUKU WITH HIS SOCIAL-STANDING AS A FIRST-YEAR----!!
SIGN: PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
LET'S GO: FAILURE WON'T BE FOR-GIVEN!!

TN:

LET ME START WITH THIS. AFTER ALL THE DAIBUKAI SETTINGS AND ALL THE CHAOS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT ARC, IT'S GREAT TO SEE THE OTOKOJUKU CHARACTERS BACK IN THE CLASSROOM JUST DEALING WITH ONIHIGE AND HIS STRANGE TEACHING WAYS FOR ONCE. I KEEP SAYING THIS BUT SOMEHOW SEEING THE STUDENTS JUST BEING THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF BADASS FIGHTERS (LIKE MOMO SNOOZING IN CLASS OR TOGASHI AND TORAMARU LISTENING TO GOSSIP OR TAZAWA ASKING RANDOM QUESTIONS) JUST FEELS MORE AT HOME WITH HOW THIS SERIES WAS AND HOW THESE CHARACTERS ARE THAN ANYTHING INVOLVING A BIZARRE BATTLE STYLE.

THIS CHAPTER, THOUGH, BEGINS OUR TRANSITION INTO OUR NEXT MAJOR OTOKOJUKU ARC. STARTING WITH THE NEW "ENTRANCE EXAM" AND THE INTRODUCTION OF TOUGOU SOUJI, OUR NEW DANGEROUS FIRST-YEAR? HONESTLY, I THINK THAT THE ADDITION OF THE RUSSIAN-ROULETTE ENTRANCE EXAM JUST FEELS NOT ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE SCHOOL BUT STRANGELY NECESSARY AT THIS POINT. PRIOR TO WINNING THE DAIBUKAI, THE SCHOOL GOT BY TAKING IN THE DELINQUENTS AND MOLDING THEM INTO SOMETHING, KNOWING THAT MANY OF THEM WERE REALLY NOT TOO SPECIAL AND WOULDN'T REALLY BE USEFUL TO EDAJIMA AND THE STAFF BUT WITH THE DAIBUKAI IN THEIR HANDS, THE SCHOOL NOW HAS NOTORIETY AND NEEDS TO FIND A WAY TO SEPARATE THE ONES WORTHY OF BEING OF THE SCHOOL AND THOSE WHO JUST CLAIM THEY WANT TO BE BAD-ASSES JUST BECAUSE THEY CAN.



THOUGH YOU COULD SAY RUSSIAN ROULETTE FOR THE SAKE OF WEEDING OUT THE NEW STUDENTS IS A TAD EXTREME BUT WORKS CONSIDERING THAT A LOT OF OTOKOJUKU IS ABOUT FACING UP TO DANGER AND THE FLOW AND LUCK OF BATTLE. THOUGH TOUGOU... HE JUST TOOK IT TO A NEW EXTREME WITH THE "FIVE BULLET" GAME. SOMEHOW HE JUST DID IT TO PROVE HE COULD AND NOT BECAUSE OTOKOJUKU WAS SOFT IT WAS ALL PSYCHOLOGICAL ANYWAY SO HE DIDN'T HAVE TO JUST ADD MORE BULLETS JUST TO SHOW HOW BADASS HE IS. I SORT OF WISH WE GOT A BIT MORE REGARDING THE KID WHO KNEW OF THE DAIBUKAI FIGHTERS BUT... HE REALLY DOESN'T GET ANY DEVELOPMENT BEYOND THIS CHAPTER SO THERE ISN'T MUCH TO SAY EXCEPT TOGASHI AND TORAMARU REALLY NEED TO SHOW HIM WHO THE SENPAI IS.

AND AS FOR THOSE THREE AT THE END. WE'LL GET INTO THEM THE NEXT FEW CHAPTERS.

EXCUSE US!!
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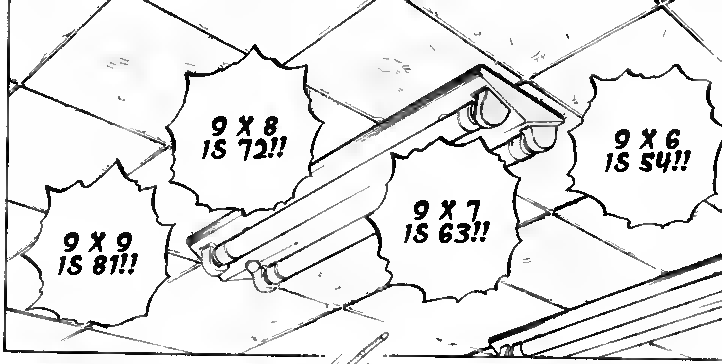
"DARK TUSKS" ---!?
WHAT ---!!
THE THREE OF US ARE VISITING HERE AS EMISSARIES FROM THE "DARK TUSKS"!!
PRINCIPAL OF OTO-KOJUKU EDAJIMA HEIHACHI-DONO!!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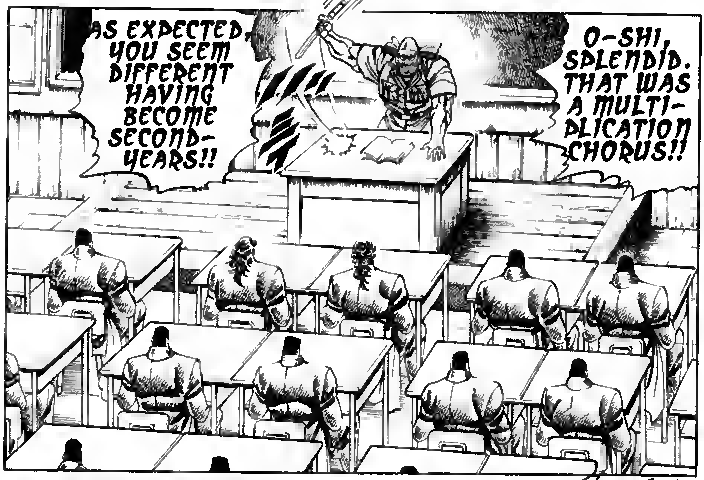
AS EXPECTED, YOU SEEM DIFFERENT HAVING BECOME SECOND-YEARS!!
O-SHI, SPLENDID. THAT WAS A MULTIPLICATION CHORUS!!

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HUH !!

SO THEN, NEXT WILL BE FRACTION ADDITION .....!!

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CHP. 255: TOUGOU'S CHALLENGE!!

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UH!!
INSTRUC-TOR-DONO, I'M BOR-ROWING JUST A BIT OF TIME.
THAT BIG-MULLET GUY WHO SAID THAT HE'S CONQUERING OUR OTOKOJUKU, IN SPITE OF BEING A FIRST-YEAR ----!!
IT'S... IT'S THAT BRAT!!

WH.. WHAT ---!!
.....!!
FROM TODAY, I WILL TAKE THE SEAT OF OTOKOJUKU REPRESENTATIVE, REPLACING YOU.....!!
MY NAME IS TOUGOU SOUJI!!
IS...IS THAT THE ATTITUDE OF A FRESHMAN FACING UPPERCLASSMEN----!! OTOKOJUKU IS SUCH A PLACE WHERE HE HAS HIS STATION AND WILL REALIZE IT---!
TH... THAT GUY IS MAKING FUN OF US--!!
I'LL BE WAITING OUT FRONT!!
N...NOW IT CAN ONLY BE DONE AS HE SAID!!
HO... HOLD ON, ALL OF YOU ---!!
WHA !!

E...EVEN IF THIS GUY IS A FIRST-YEAR FRESHMAN, HE HAS THIS RIGHT!!
TH..THERE IS A LAW THAT WHENEVER ANOTHER PERSON WHO AIMS FOR THIS POSITION APPEARS, THE OTOKOJUKU REPRESENTATIVE CAN'T EVER REFUSE THIS CHALLENGE!!

ALL OF THE SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL GATHER ON THE CAMPUS ---!!
AND THIS IS A CUSTOMARY PRACTICE SINCE THE OPENING OF THIS SCHOOL THAT THE MATCH WILL BE HELD BY OTOKOJUKU'S TRADITIONAL DUELING METHOD!!

TH..THIS IS SOME VIOLENTLY BAD PREMONITION !!
O...OTOKO JUKU'S TRADITIONAL DUELING METHOD !!

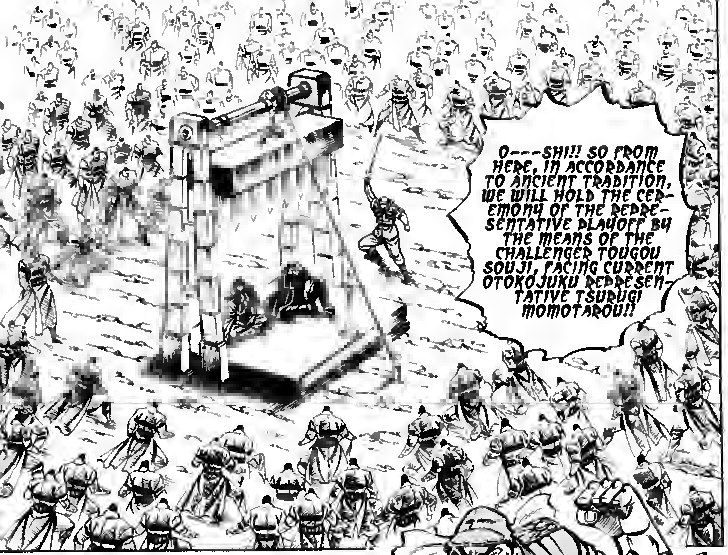
FUFU. A TERRIBLE GUY HAS COME IN HERE.

SHALL YOU TELL US YOUR ANSWER?
THE REQUEST FROM THE "DARK TUSKS" IS AS WE'VE SPOKEN NOW ..... !!
COMING TO OTOKOJUKU AS FRESHMEN AND IMPLORING THAT ASPECT UP TO NOW .....!!
YOU'VE EXTREMELY PUT IN YOUR THOUGHTS
I'LL GIVE MY REPLY.
ALRIGHT, APPROACH ME MUCH CLOSER
OF COURSE, IF YOU KNOW OF THE TERROR OF OUR ORGANIZATION, THEN YOU SHOULD SAY NO.
WELL, IS IT YES OR NO?

THIS IS MY REPLY ---!!
YOU THINK I'LL ACCEPT THIS BE-HAVIOR FROM STU-DENTS ----!!
WASH YOUR FACE AND COME AGAIN NOW!!

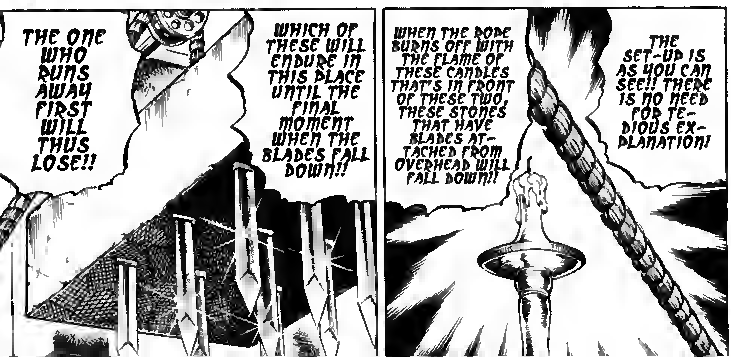
!!
I AM THE PRINCIPAL OF OTOKO-JUKU, EDJAIMA HEIHA-CHI---!!
NUUU, TH..TH.. THIS IS..!!
IF YOU SAY YOU REFUSE, THEN WE HAVE AN-OTHER WAY; WE'LL REQUEST YOUR ACCOMPA-NIMENT!!
TRANQUIL-IZER BUL-LETS THAT CAN MAKE EVEN A GIANT ELEPHANT SLEEP.
Y..YOU!!

WHAT IS THIS...!?


O---SHI!! SO FROM HERE, IN ACCORDANCE TO ANCIENT TRADITION, WE'LL HOLD THE CEREMONY OF THE REPRESENTATIVE PLAYOFF BY THE MEANS OF THE CHALLENGER TOUGOU SOUJI, FACING CURRENT OTOKOJUKU REPRESENTATIVE TSURUGI MOMOTAROU!!

FIRST OF ALL, THE FIRST WILL BE "HEART"!! IN SHORT: THEIR BRAVERY WILL BE COMPETED ON BY THIS KENZA TENHOUTAI!
THE KEY POINT OF THE PLAYOFF IS TO COMPETE TO THE MUTUAL UTMOST LIMITS IN THE TWO ASPECTS OF "HEART" AND "SKILL"!!

TN: "KENZA TENHOUTAI" = "BLADE-SEAT HEAVENLY PASSION-ENDURANCE"

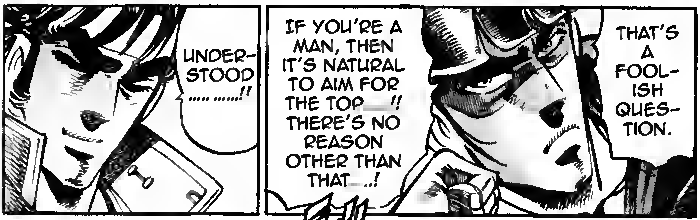

THE ONE WHO RUNS AWAY FIRST WILL THUS LOSE!!
WHICH OF THESE WILL ENDURE IN THIS PLACE UNTIL THE FINAL MOMENT WHEN THE BLADES FALL DOWN!!
WHEN THE ROPE BURNS OFF WITH THE FLAME OF THESE CANDLES THAT'S IN FRONT OF THESE TWO, THESE STONES THAT HAVE BLADES ATTACHED FROM OVERHEAD WILL FALL DOWN!!
THE SET-UP IS AS YOU CAN SEE!! THERE IS NO NEED FOR TEDIOUS EXPLANATION!

SO, LET'S IGNITE THEM!!
START THE MATCH ---!!

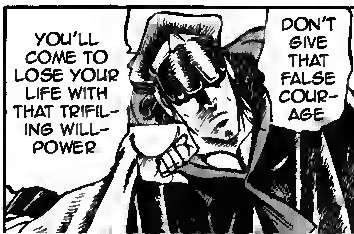
AAH, I THINK AS SUCH TOO.
FOOL-ISH.....!!

KENZA TENHOUTAI...THE ORIGIN OF THIS WAS IT'S OCCURRENCE BY SAMURAI AND MILITARY COMMANDERS IN THE MIDDLE PERIOD OF THE SENGOKU ERA, WITH A PURPOSE OF DISPLAYING THEIR OWN COURAGE AND NERVE AND COMPETING WITH IT. THERE IS NO NEED TO SAY THAT THERE IS A DEMAND OF EXCELLENT EMOTIONAL STRENGTH IN ORDER TO WITHSTAND UNDER THE TERROR OF KENZAN WITHOUT KNOWING WHEN "IT WILL FALL". IN THOSE DAYS, THEY SAID THAT THOSE WHO MASTERED PROSPERITY, "AREN'T A SAMURAI IF THEY DON'T DO THIS", BUT, DUE TO APPEARANCES OVER AND OVER OF THOSE WHO WERE TOO MAD WITH TERROR, FAILED TO ESCAPE AND DIED, MANY DAIMYOU BANNED THIS. EVEN IN THE PRESENT, ONE REGION HAS THIS OCCUR AS A SIDE SHOW THAT OCCURS IN A TOWN BY THE YOUNG MEN AND IT IS PART OF A SIGHTSEEING PROMOTION." - FROM "STRANGE TALES OF SENGOKU DUELS, VOLUME 7", © MINMEI PUBLISHING
HURRY UP, GIVE YOUR LAMENT AND RUN AWAY ---!!
KOBUA- NEW COMER----!! NOW THIS WILL SUIT YOU STILL ---!
RIGHT---!! YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST MOMO---!
AH!?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN HE WAS SAID TO BE THE MAN WHO PULLED THE TRIGGER OF A PISTOL WHERE HE HAD A FIVE-OUT-OF-SIX PROBABILITY OF LOSING HIS LIFE DURING THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM "
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM!!

WHY DO YOU WANT THE POSITION OF OTOKOJUKU REPRESENTATIVE TO THIS EXTENT!?
HOW ABOUT I ASK ONE THING?


UNDERSTOOD ....!!
IF YOU'RE A MAN, THEN IT'S NATURAL TO AIM FOR THE TOP!! THERE'S NO REASON OTHER THAN THAT...!
THAT'S A FOOLISH QUESTION.

FUFU, RIGHT BACK AT YOU!!


YOU'LL COME TO LOSE YOUR LIFE WITH THAT TRIFLING WILLPOWER
DON'T GIVE THAT FALSE COURAGE

UOO!! IT'S... IT'S FALLING!
IF...IF THEY DON'T RUN QUICKLY, BOTH OF THEM WILL DIE---!!
IT SEEMS YOUR OTO-KOJUKU REPRESENTATIVE TITLE IS NOT FOR NOTHING
RIVALING EQUALLY WITH ME TO HERE ---.....!!

AAH, IT'S... FALLING ---!!
E...EVEN SO, THOSE TWO HAVEN'T MOVED YET ----!!

KUU
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IN THAT CASE, WE'LL TAKE THE MATCH WITH "SKILL"!!
FU, THE MATCH OF "HEART" WAS A TIE?
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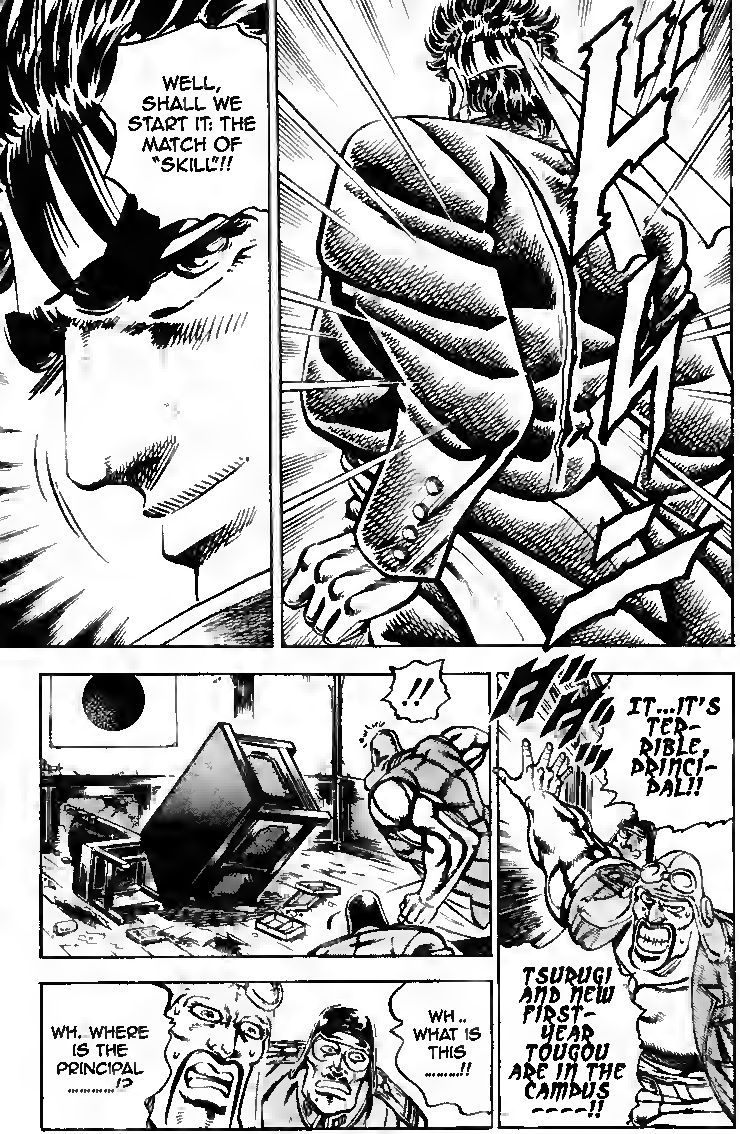
IT WASN'T A TIE.
YOU'VE LOST, TOUGOU.
HUH !!
IT WAS YOU WHO RAN A MOMENT FASTER!! MOMO RAN BECAUSE HE CONFIRMED THAT!
THAT IS PROOF GREATER THAN ANYTHING!!
WHAT'S THAT!?


WELL, SHALL WE START IT: THE MATCH OF "SKILL"!!
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IT...IT'S TERRIBLE, PRINCIPAL!!
TSURUGI AND NEW FIRST-YEAR TOUGOU ARE IN THE CAMPUS -----!!
WH.. WHAT IS THIS .....!!
WH. WHERE IS THE PRINCIPAL .....!?

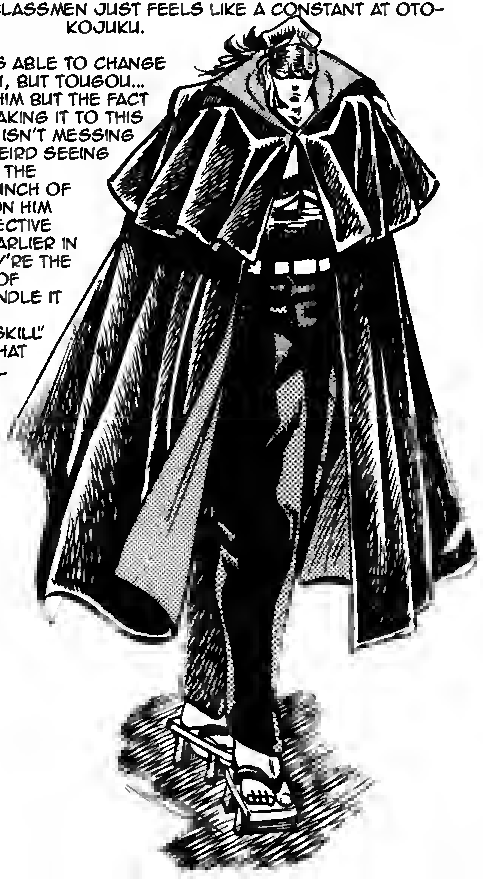
TN:

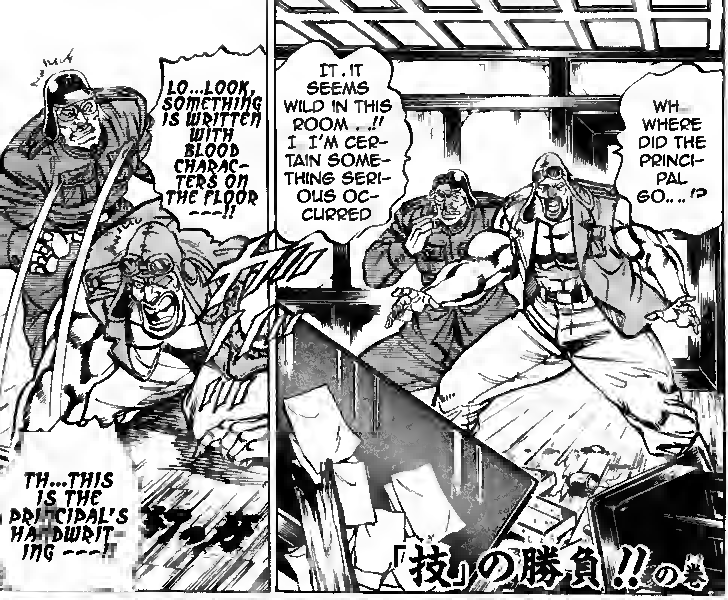
NOW THAT SHOULD GET YOUR ATTENTION. CATCH EDAJIMA AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS. IT IS STRANGE THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO GET IN AND BECOME OTOKOJUKU STUDENTS SO EASILY JUST TO CATCH EDAJIMA. BUT THE "DARK TUSKS" PROBABLY HAVE A CERTAIN MISSION AT HAND SO IT ALL IS GOING TO PROBABLY END UP AFFECTING THE OTHERS SOONER OR LATER.

AS FOR THE WHOLE SITUATION WITH TOUGOU..THERE IS SOMETHING THAT ACTUALLY IS BROUGHT UP NEXT CHAPTER BUT IT DOES SARE BEING BROUGHT UP A TAD EARLY. ISN'T THERE SOMETHING FAMILIAR WITH HIM ATTACKING UPPER-CLASSMEN JUST MOMENTS AFTER ARRIVING AT THIS SCHOOL? WELL... OK, MOMO AND THE OTHERS MORE WERE COERCED INTO IT BY THEIR UPPERCLASSMEN (THE INVITATION BY THOSE OTHER SECOND-YEAR IDIOTS PRE-AKASHI.. AND JAKI AND HIS GROUP FORCING MOMO TO "MEET THEM" AFTER THE DAIBUKAI), BUT THE FACT THAT THE UNDERCLASSMEN KEEP CHALLENGING THE UPPERCLASSMEN JUST FEELS LIKE A CONSTANT AT OTOKOJUKU.

SURE MOMO'S GROUP WAS ABLE TO CHANGE EVERYTHING ON THEIR OWN, BUT TOUGOU... WELL, MOSTLY IT'S JUST HIM BUT THE FACT THAT HE'S OBSESSED IN TAKING IT TO THIS EXTREME PROVES THAT HE ISN'T MESSING AROUND THOUGH..IT IS WEIRD SEEING MOMO BEING THE ONE ON THE DEFENSIVE EVEN WITH A BUNCH OF SWORDS FALLING DOWN ON HIM INSTEAD OF ON THE PROTECTIVE OFFENSIVE LIKE HE WAS EARLIER IN THE SERIES. BUT HEY, THEY'RE THE ESTABLISHMENT NOW SO OF COURSE THEY HAVE TO HANDLE IT

BUT..THERE IS STILL THE "SKILL" TEST. AND WHO KNOWS WHAT TOUGOU IS GOING TO PULL FOR THAT!




WH...WHERE DID THE PRINCIPAL GO...!?
IT..IT SEEMS WILD IN THIS ROOM..!! I I'M CERTAIN SOMETHING SERIOUS OCCURRED
LO...LOOK, SOMETHING IS WRITTEN WITH BLOOD CHARACTERS ON THE FLOOR ---!!
TH...THIS IS THE PRINCIPAL'S HANDWRITING ---!!
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DA DARK TUSKS....!?
WH..WHAT IS TH..THAT.....!!

HE DID IT----!! THE MATCH OF "HEART" IN THE OTOKOJUKU REPRESENTATIVE CHALLENGE MATCH WAS WON BY MOMO---!
UWAHHAHAHA: YOU'RE TEN YEARS EARLY TO RIVAL WITH MOMO, YOU FIRST-BOU---!!
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TN: "FIRST BOY" IS A COMBINATION WORD WHICH IN JAPANESE WAS TOUSHOU SOUZUI. "ICHI BOU" IS "#1" IN REFERENCE TO TOUBOU BEING A FIRST-YEAR, "SOUZU" WHICH USUALLY STANDS FOR A PARTICULAR BUDDHIST PRIEST CAN ALSO BE USED AS "A BOY"

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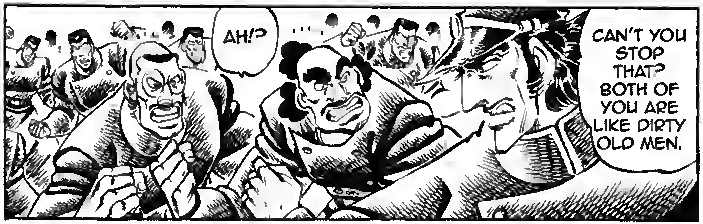
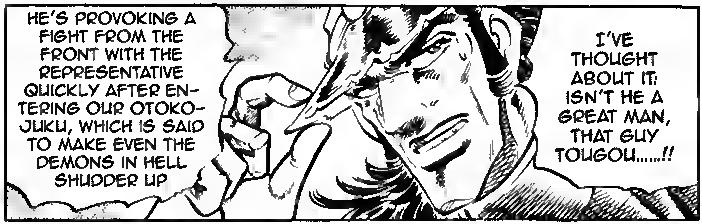
CHP. 256: THE MATCH OF "SKILL"!!

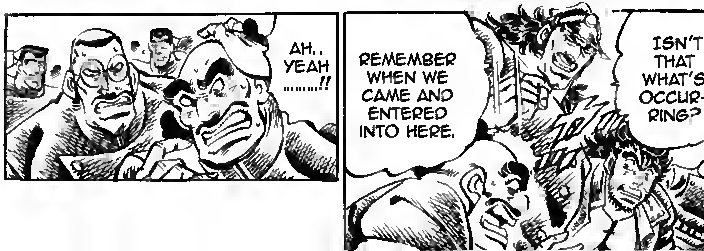
IN THE MATCH OF "SKILL", THERE ISN'T ANY RULES OR SET-UP!! YOU MERELY USE UP YOUR OWN DESPERATE EFFORT AND JUST FIGHT! YOU'RE FREE TO USE ANY SPECIALIZED WEAPON OR SKILL!!
AL-RIGHT, SO THEN FROM HERE WE'LL BE GOING INTO THE MATCH OF "SKILL"!!

IF YOU HAVE A METAL BAT OR A JAPANESE SWORD, IT'S AS YOU PLEASE.
RIGHT: A MATCH OF OTOKO-JUKU IS WHETHER YOU LIVE OR DIE!!
FREE WITH OUR WEAPON OR SKILLS ..... !!
GIVE ME A BIT OF TIME.

WAHHA-HAHA: RIGHT, I'M CERTAIN THAT'S RIGHT!!
KORUAA! HE'S GOT PISS LIPS AND IS RUN-NING OFF ----!!
WHAT: THAT GUY IS GOING OFF!!


AH!?
CAN'T YOU STOP THAT? BOTH OF YOU ARE LIKE DIRTY OLD MEN.


HE'S PROVOKING A FIGHT FROM THE FRONT WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE QUICKLY AFTER EN-TERING OUR OTOKO-JUKU, WHICH IS SAID TO MAKE EVEN THE DEMONS IN HELL SHUDDER UP
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT: ISN'T HE A GREAT MAN, THAT GUY TOUGOU.....!!


AH, . YEAH .....!!
REMEMBER WHEN WE CAME AND ENTERED INTO HERE.
ISN'T THAT WHAT'S OCCUR-RING?

WH...WHAT IS TH...THAT ROAR.....!?
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THIS IS MY SPE-CIAL SKILL!!
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WHAT WILL YOU USE!?
A...BI-BI BI-BIKE .....!!
HE...HE'S FIGHTING RIDING THAT .....!!
BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A REASON TO BRANDISH A BROADSWORD IN THE MIDDLE OF CAMPUS AT ALL.
THESE WILL BE FINE FOR ME.
LET'S GO!!
YOU'RE BABBLING ON FIGHTING WITH YOUR BARE HANDS WITH ME AS YOUR OPPONENT . ..!!
YOU'LL COME TO REGRET THAT.

UOO, WH... WHAT A FA...FAST CONSECU-TIVE ATTACK ---!!
TH...THAT GUY, THAT BIKE IS BEING MOVE LIKE IT'S HIS OWN BODY----!!

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BUT YOU CAN'T DEFEAT ME WITH THAT DEGREE
GREAT ABILITY!!
CAN YOU AVOID THIS!!
FROM HERE ON IT'S THE REAL DEAL!!
MY ENGINE HAS FINALLY WARMED UP

WHAT'S THAT BEHAV-IOR!?
THE ONE WHO WILL CRASH INTO A POST AND RUIN THEM-SELVES IS YOU!!
HUH !!

GUHA !!
UH !!

YOU CAN'T MOVE FREELY NOW
THAT BLOW NOW SHOULD HAVE BROKEN TWO OR THREE OF YOUR RIBS
GU KU!!
MO... MO MO!!
TH...THAT GUY HE....HE RAN UP THE POST WITH THE BIKE, USED HIS BACKFIRE AND HIT AND THROW MOMO WITH A NOSE-DIVE!!
YOU'RE NAIVE TO THINK YOU'VE TAKEN THE MATCH WITH THAT...!!
HOW'S THAT. WILL YOU HAND OVER THE SEAT OF OTOKOJUKU REPRESENTATIVE WITH THAT?
!!

I SEE, IN THAT CASE, HOW FAR CAN YOU WITHSTAND THIS WITH THE GUTS OF OTOKOJUKU REPRESENTATIVE!!
UOO !!
MO... MOMO ----!!
DA...DAMN THIS; WH... WHAT BEHAVIOR OF THIS GUY ----!!
NUG UKU

KU!!
CHANGED YOUR MIND YET? IF YOU CONTINUE LIKE THIS, THEN YOU'LL COME TO DIE HAVING BECOME LIKE A WORN-OUT DUST CLOTH

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UO!?

THAT...WAS CLEVER, MOMO!! YOU...YOU ENTWINED YOUR BANDANA ON THE POST AND TOUGOU'S HAND LET GO OF THE CHAIN FROM HIS HAND WITH THE REACTION!
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BUT IT SEEMS I WON'T SEIZE THE SEAT OF REPRESENTATIVE LIKE THIS!!
NUU: IF I COULD, I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL YOU.
CUT THAT OUT----!! HOW COULD YOU SAW THAT WITH THAT BODY, ----!
TO TOUGOU .....!!
THE...THE SEAT OF OTOKOJUKU REPRESENTATIVE ISN'T MINOR TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU'RE THINKING.....!!
HOW ABOUT WITH THIS!?

NA
!!
GUWA
!!

I WILL TEACH YOU THE WEIGHT OF THE OTO-KOJUKU REPRE-SENTA-TIVE...!!
STAND UP!
GU!!
.....!!
IS THIS HERE OTOKO-JUKU?
FUFU: THEY'RE CARE-FREE GUYS
THEY THEM-SELVES ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR CIR-CUMSTANCES NOW....!!

TN:

YOU WOULD HAVE EXPECTED SOMEONE OTHER THAN HIKOUBOSHI TO KNOW EDAJIMA WAS GONE BY NOW...BUT I GUESS SOMEHOW THE DARK TUSKS ARE PROBABLY GOING TO BE IN THEIR FACE SOON ENOUGH AND EVERYONE IS DISTRACTED WITH MOMO AND TOUGOU'S FIGHT SO OF COURSE IT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE. (THOUGH I DOUBT FOR TOO MUCH LONGER) AS FOR THE FIGHT...JUST WHERE THE HECK DOES TOUGOU GET A MOTORCYCLE TO PUT ON CAMPUS ANYWAY? IS THERE SOME SORT OF RELEASE FORM THAT HE HAD TO FILL OUT TO PROVE THIS WAS HIS BATTLE STYLE AND THAT HE HAD TO BE PERMITTED TO KEEP IT ON CAMPUS OR ELSE?

HONESTLY, IT IS A COOL AND UNIQUE BATTLE STYLE. BUT IT JUST FEELS SO OFF COMPARED TO MANY OF OTOKOJUKU'S OTHER BATTLE ABILITIES. EVEN WITH THE REALLY FLASHY AND BIZARRE TECHNIQUES WE'VE SEEN UP TO NOW, FOR THE MOST PART THEY CAN BE KEPT RATHER EASILY AROUND THE FIGHTER DUE TO THEIR KENPOU ABILITY (OR IN THE CASE OF RAIDEN, LOYAL TRAINED MONKEYS) BUT TOUGOU'S MOTORCYCLE...IT JUST SEEMS SO LARGE AND DISTRACTING THAT I JUST WONDER HOW THE HECK HE'S GOING TO EVEN BRING IT TO BATTLE WITHOUT RIDING IT AROUND EVERYWHERE!

IT JUST FEELS MORE LIKE A KENPOU STYLE A VILLAIN WOULD HAVE SINCE THEY'D BE STATIONARY AND FORCE THE OTOKOJUKU FIGHTER TO FACE THEM WITH IT STORED IN A NEARBY GARAGE...NOT REALLY SOMETHING I'D EXPECT FROM AN ACTUAL OTOKOJUKU STUDENT DUE TO THE PURE SIZE AND DIFFICULTY OF, YOU KNOW, BRINGING A MOTORCYCLE WITH EVERYWHERE YOU GO.

THOUGH THE WAY HE MANIPULATED IT WAS SORT OF COOL, I THINK HOW MOMO TOOK CARE OF HIM SO EASILY WITH JUST HIS BARE HANDS AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TOUGOU GETTING THROWN OFF WITH THE RIGHT MANIPULATION WAS MUCH COOLER. I'M NOT SAYING ALL OTOKOJUKU STUDENTS HAVE TO HAVE A GENERIC STYLE BUT. SOMETIMES YOU DO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU USE AND HOW TO BRING IT TO BATTLE...

NOW LET'S JUST HOPE THAT IF TOUGOU EVER REALLY NEEDS IT, HE HAS PLENTY OF ROAD TO RIDE ON. (THOUGH WITH THE DARK TUSKS ON THE MOVE...IT MAY BE SOON)

BTW, I ACTUALLY LIKE TOGASHI SORT OF DEFENDING TOUGOU'S UNCONVENTIONALITY IN THIS CHAPTER, CONSIDERING THAT HE KNOWS OF THE UNDERCLASSMAN/UPPERCLASSMAN WAR THEY ALL HAD BEEN IN AND TO NOT UNDERESTIMATE ANYONE. HECK... THAT MAKES HIM EVEN HIGHER UP THAN THE ONES WHO REALLY DON'T FIGHT THAT OFTEN LIKE MATSUO, TAZAWA AND HIDEMARO.

THAT GUY TOOK QUITE THE DAMAGE!!
YOU... YOU'VE DRAGGED THAT TOUGOU GUY OFF HIS MOTOR-CYCLE!!
U... YOU'VE DONE IT, MOMO!!
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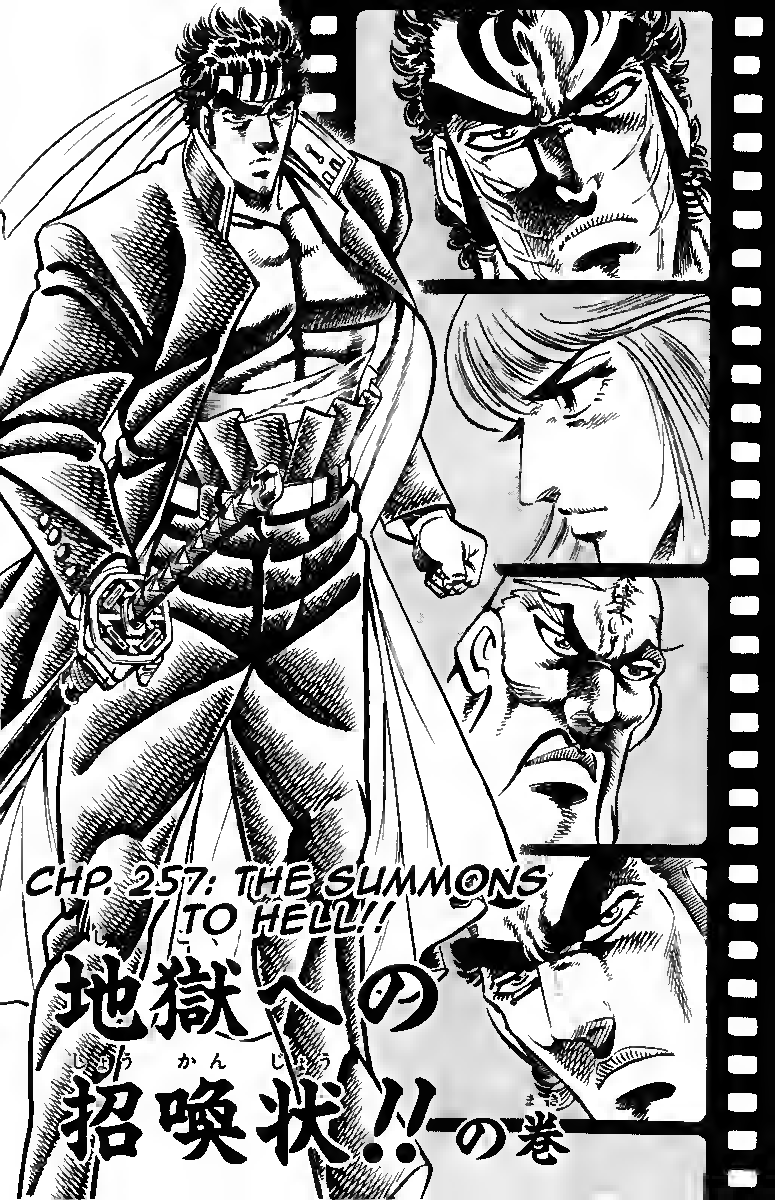
CU- CUT THAT OUT ----!!
COME!! FROM HERE IT'S SE-RIOUS!



CHP. 257: THE SUMMONS TO HELL!!

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KU!!
THOSE MOVE-MENTS WON'T DEFEAT ME!!
YOU WERE MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU WERE RIDING THE BIKE.
GAFU !!

OOOH !!
GUWA !!

FU, HE'S STILL UNRIPE ....! THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THOSE TWO!!
Y... YOU... !!

IS THAT ENOUGH!? ANY FURTHER AND YOU'LL COME TO DIE.
EX... EXCELLENT---!!

GEHA
!!

WI_WITH THE POWER OF YOUR FIST IN THAT BLOW NOW, YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE GIVEN INSTANT DEATH _!!
WH,, WHY_!? WHY DON'T YOU KILL ME?
SHOULDN'T YOU HATE ME_!! TH_THERE ISN'T EVEN A FRAGMENT OF HATRED IN YOUR EYES_!!
YO_YOU WERE TIED TO A CHAIN AND DRAGGED AROUND ON MY BIKE,

SE...SENPAI AND KOUHAI.....!!
.....!!
THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO SAY
FU, I'M YOUR SENPAI; YOU'RE MY KOUHAI ...!!
OOH !!
SOMEONE TAKE HIM TO THE MEDICAL OFFICE AND GET HIM TREATED.
THIS MATCH ENDS HERE

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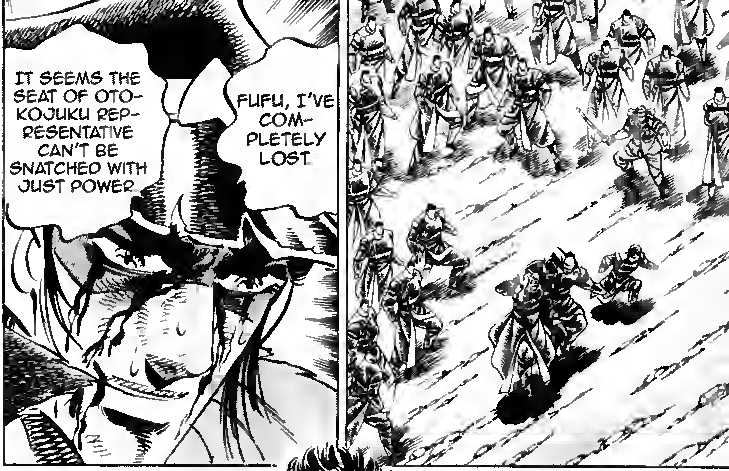
BE MY OPPO-NENT AGAIN, ANY-TIME.
HE'S A REALLY ASTON-ISHING GUY.
HERE, LEND HIM A SHOUL DER!!


IT SEEMS THE SEAT OF OTO-KOJUKU REP-RESENTATIVE CAN'T BE SNATCHED WITH JUST POWER.
FUFU, I'VE COM-PLETELY LOST.

FUFU, HE IS THE MAN WHO WILL STAND BUR-DENED WITH THE FUTURE OTOKO-JUKU.
MOMO, YOU'RE COM-PLETELY A SOFT GUY.

BECAUSE WE'RE WORK-ING WITH ALL MIGHT WITH FRACTION AD-DITION AGAIN!!
O---SHI, ALL OF YOU RETURN TO THE CLASS-ROOM ---!!

HU-H !?
BEFORE YOU DO, CAN YOU GIVE US A BIT OF YOUR TIME!?

I'M CALLING UPON ALL OF YOU BRAVE MEN OF OTOKOJUKU AS A SUMMONS MESSENGER TO THE "BATTLE OF SEVEN TUSKS"!!
MY NAME IS ROBERT BORSALINO, THE "DARK TUSKS" FAR EAST REGION GENERAL MANAGER!!
A. FOREIGNER ...!!
"BATTLE OF SEVEN TUSKS" ...!?
WHAT~~!! "DARK TUSKS" ~~~~!?
!!
WELL, GO HOME, GO HOME!! WHERE EXACTLY DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, BUT ALL OF YOU HAVE ENTERED SELFISHLY AND LET OUT SOME UNKNOWN REASON!!

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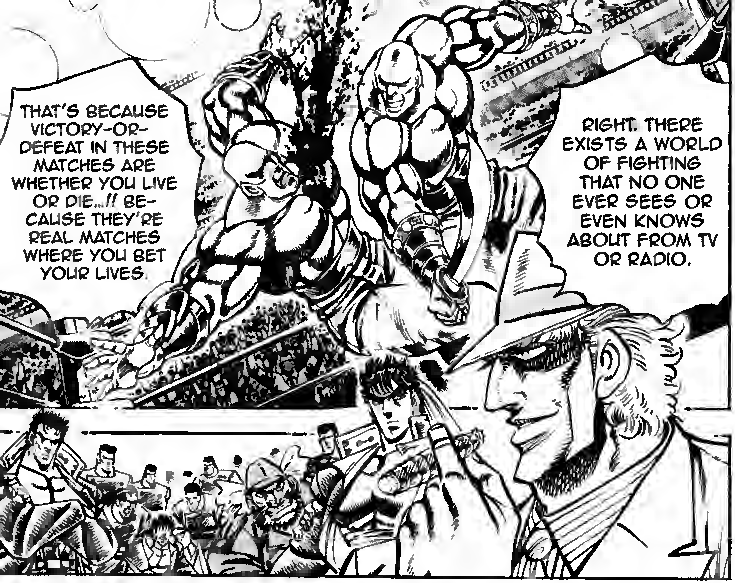
FIRST AN EXPLANATION FROM THE "DARK TUSKS"
IF I WERE TO SAY A WORD ON THEM, THEY'RE A GIANT SECRET ORGANIZATION THAT CONTROLS THE FIGHTING UNDERWORLD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
FIGHTING UNDERWORLD ...!?


THAT'S BECAUSE VICTORY-OR-DEFEAT IN THESE MATCHES ARE WHETHER YOU LIVE OR DIE...!! BECAUSE THEY'RE REAL MATCHES WHERE YOU BET YOUR LIVES.
RIGHT. THERE EXISTS A WORLD OF FIGHTING THAT NO ONE EVER SEES OR EVEN KNOWS ABOUT FROM TV OR RADIO.

THERE ISN'T ANY OTHER THRILLING GAMBLE OF THIS EXTENT.
AS WELL, ENORMOUS STAKES ARE SHIFTED BY ALL OF THE PATRONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WITH THESE MATCHES.

IN BRIEF: THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION IS TO PUT TOGETHER THE ULTIMATE CARDS THAT WILL DELIGHT THE CUSTOMERS AND ADMINISTER THEM WITH NO DELAYS
THE BOOKMAKERS ARE WE, THE "DARK TUSKS" .....!!

PARTICIPATING IN OUR NEW PROJECT, THE "BATTLE OF SEVEN TUSKS"!!
DO YOU GIVE YOUR CONSENT!?
THAT'S THE REASON WE'RE VISITING HERE.
ALL OF YOUR BRILLIANT FIGHTING MANNERS IN THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI ARE HIGHLY VALUED IN THE ORGANIZATION.
WE...WE'RE NOT FIGHTING DOGS!! DO...DO YOU THINK WE'LL FIGHT FOR THOSE FILTHY BETTING FIGHTS ----!
DO...DON'T JOKE WITH US!! YOU BIG TRICKSTER ---!
LOOK AT THIS PICTURE!!
BUT THERE IS A REASON ALL OF YOU CAN'T DECLINE AT ANY RATE.
RIGHT, THAT TALK IS NATURAL

IT...SEEMS LIKE SOME MAN-MADE SATELLITE.
WH... WHAT IS TH...THAT .....!?
!?
A...AND IN...IN THE OTHER ONE!?
WH... WHAT!! TH...THAT'S THE PRIN-CIPAL!

!!
WAHAHAHA: HAVE YOU COME TO UNDERSTAND!? RIGHT NOW, MR. EDAJIMA HAS BECOME IN A CONDITION OF COLD-STORAGE WITHIN A MAN-MADE SATELLITE THAT IS FLYING IN AN ORBIT OUTSIDE THE ATMOSPHERE.
ST... STUPID--!! ARE YOU SAYING WE HAVE TO BELIEVE IN THAT STORY---!
IN BRIEF: BOTH ESCAPE AND RESCUE ARE ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE.
TH...THE PRINCIPAL IS IN SPACE ---!!
TO FIGHT IN SEVEN BATTLEFIELDS OF THE WORLD DESIGNATED BY US!!
THERE IS ONLY ONE PATH FOR ALL OF YOU TO RESCUE YOUR PRINCIPAL!!
THAT IS THE TRUTH.
THERE ISN'T WORD "IMPOSSIBLE" IN OUR ORGANIZATION.

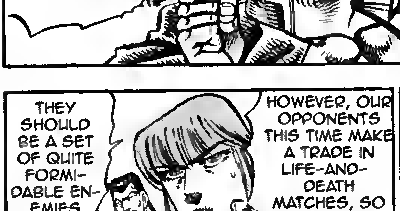
IF YOU GATHER THE SEVEN DISKS AND PLACE THEM AT A COMPUTER AT OUR HEADQUARTERS, THE MAN-MADE SATELLITE MR. EDAJIMA IS RIDING IN WILL BE PROGRAMMED TO RETURN TO EARTH.
YOU SHALL BE GIVEN A FLOPPY DISK WITH EACH VICTORY IN THERE.

FURTHER, THERE ISN'T A LIMIT IN THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING PLAYERS!!
WITH THIS, ALL OF YOURS' PARTICIPATION IN THE "BATTLE OF SEVEN TUSKS" HAS BEEN DECIDED!!

SO THEN, WE SHALL PICK YOU UP TOMORROW MORNING.

HO... HOLD ON, U...YOU GUYS!!
DO...DO ALL OF YOU THINK YOU CAN GO HOME PEACE-FULLY-!!

HO...HOW COULD THEY DID THAT; THAT STUPID STORY--!!
LET IT GO, TORAMARU: THOSE GUYS JUST MESSEN-GERS.


THEY SHOULD BE A SET OF QUITE FORMI-DABLE EN-EMIES !!
HOWEVER, OUR OPPONENTS THIS TIME MAKE A TRADE IN LIFE-AND-DEATH MATCHES, SO YOU SAY PROS AMONG PROS.

OUR BATTLE POTENTIAL HAS FALLEN WITHOUT THE SHITEN-NOU.
UMU

WE MUST OBTAIN THE SEVEN DISKS SO WE CAN RESCUE THE PRINCIPAL.
HERE WE CAN ONLY LISTEN TO WHAT THEY SAID.
GOOO

WAN TAA-REN ---!!
DON'T GET BE-FALLEN WITH THAT WORRY
HUH !?
WHENEVER THERE'S A SITUATION OF DEFICIENCY, HE'D LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!!
EDAJI-MA-DONO HAS OFTEN TOLD ME THIS.
!!
I'VE BROUGHT THEM TODAY AND HAVE PERMITTED ALL OF THEIR ENTRANCE INTO OTOKO-JUKU.
YOU SHOULD LOOK BEHIND ME.

MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS: GOBARSKI
RYOUZANPAKU 16-GREATS: SOUKETSU
MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS GENERAL: TOUDOU GOUKI
ROUROU KAN CHIEF: SOU REIGEN
POORON KOKURENJU HEAD: TOU FUUKETSU
IT'S... YOU GUYS ----!!
PHARAOH SPHINX: PHARAOH
RYOUZANPAKU 16-GREATS LEADER: HAKUHOU
GANDHARA 16-MONKS HEAD PRIEST: SHU KOUGEN

TN:

LET ME JUST SAY THIS. IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE'VE SEEN MANY OF THESE CHARACTERS THAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE FOREVER FOR ME TO RELEARN MOST OF THEIR NAMES. SURE GOUKI AND GOBARSKI WERE BOTH IN THE LAST ROUND OF THE DAIBUKAI, BUT WE GOT THE LEADERS OF SANDHARA AND ROUROUKAN THERE TOO. AND I HAVEN'T EVEN TOUCHED THEM SINCE LAST YEAR! THAT'S PROBABLY THE BIG PROBLEM SADLY WITH HOW LONG THE LAST ARC WAS. I GET MIYASHITA PROBABLY WANTING TO DO THIS, BUT TO HOLD OFF FOR SO LONG AND MAKING US FORGET SO MANY OF THESE FIGHTERS DEFINITELY PROVES THAT. WELL, THERE ARE A LOT OF NAMES WE NEED TO REMASTER (YET STRANGELY ENOUGH I REMEMBERED WAN TAAREN. BUT AFTER WHAT HE PULLED IN THE PAAREN SEIHA, IT'S HARD TO FORGET SOMEONE LIKE WAN TAAREN)

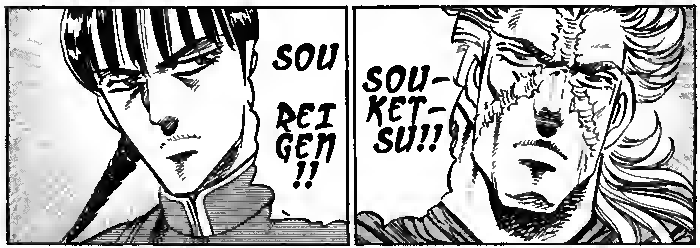
AS FOR THE CHAPTER. WELL IT'S MOSTLY SET-UP BUT IT DOES MAKE ME WONDER. HOW THE HECK DID THEY GET THE TIME TO DO ALL THAT TO EDAJIMA!? OK, SETTING HIM UP IN SOMETHING ALMOST INESCAPABLE IS CLEVER AND SORT OF RAISES THE STAKES FOR OTOKOJUKU (EVEN IF THIS IS THE GUY WHO CRASHED TWO AIRPLANES IN THE LAST ARC ALONE WITH LITTLE TO NO SCRATCH. AND I'M STILL A BIT STRANGED OUT ABOUT THE WHOLE TRANQUILIZER BIT A FEW CHAPTERS AGO)

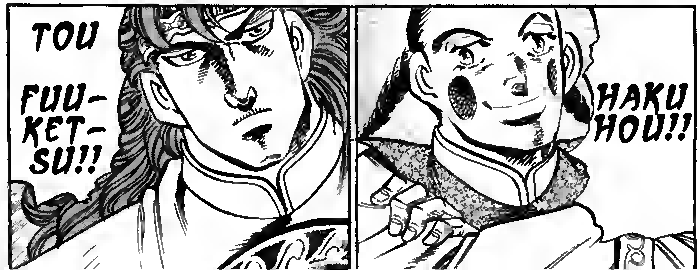
BUT THINK ABOUT IT AS SUCH. EDAJIMA HAS BEEN TRANQUELIZED, PUT INTO COLD STORAGE, THEN INTO A SATELLITE BEFORE BEING LAUNCHED INTO SPACE. ALL IN THE EXACT SAME TIME AS MOMO FOUGHT TOUGOU! I'M NOT SAYING IT CAN'T HAPPEN EVEN TO EDAJIMA BUT TO DO ALL THAT IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.. EITHER THEY HAD A LOT OF MONEY OR THEY JUST WANTED TO RUSH TO THE POINT OF THIS ARC.

THEN AGAIN TO HAVE THIS, THEN THE REVELEATION OF TAAREN AND THE NEW STUDENTS LET ALONE THE CULMINATION OF EVERYTHING WITH MOMO AND TOUGOU FROM LAST TIME. IT WAS COOL BUT IT DID FEEL A TAD OFF AT THE SAME TIME. I DOUBT WE'VE SEEN THE WORST OF IT WITH THIS ARC.. BUT IT IS SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

SOU KOU GEN !!
TOU DOU GOU KI!!
出陣前夜!!の巻

GO-BAR-SKI!!
PHA-RAOH !!


SOU REI GEN !!
SOU-KET-SU!!


TOU FUU-KET-SU!!
HAKU HOU!!

A...ALL OF YOU ARE OUR ALLIES FROM TODAY...!!
O....OTOKO-JUKU STUDENTS--!
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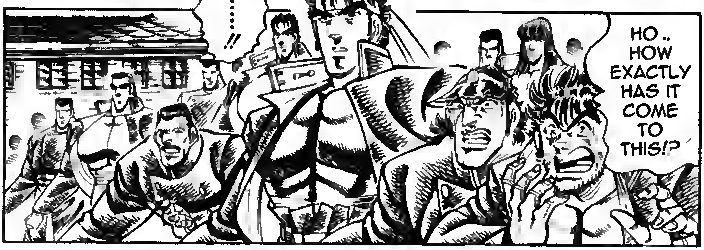
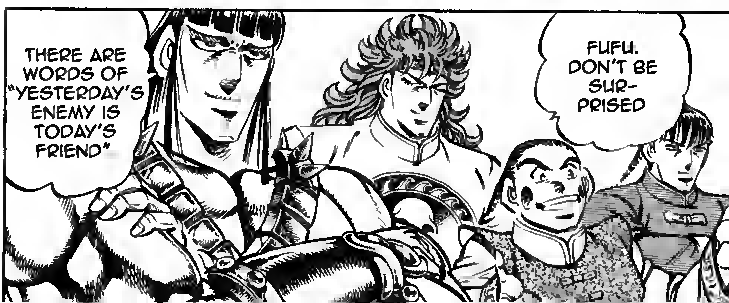

HO.. HOW EXACTLY HAS IT COME TO THIS!?


THERE ARE WORDS OF "YESTERDAY'S ENEMY IS TODAY'S FRIEND"
FUFU. DON'T BE SUR-PRISED

TH...THANK YOU, AL...ALL OF YOU .....!!
.....!!
BECAUSE WE CAN'T OVERLOOK THE DILEMMA OF A FRIEND.
SO THEN FROM HERE, WE SHALL BE FACING TOWARDS TOMORROW'S DEPARTURE AND WILL HOLD AN ORGANIZATION-FORMING CEREMONY WHICH INCLUDES THE MEANING OF WELCOMING THE NEW STUDENTS!!
IS THAT FINE!!
UNTIL PRINCIPAL EDAJIMA IS RESCUED, I, WAN TAAREN, SHALL BE THE ACTING PRINCIPAL AND WILL TAKE SUPREME COMMAND.
AN...ORGANIZATION-FORMING CEREMONY!?
IN ORDER FOR THE FEELINGS OF FELLOW MEN TO BECOME ONE, THE BEST QUICK AND EASY MEANS CAN ONLY BE THAT.
FUFU. UNDERSTAND THAT I'M DIFFERENT FROM EDAJIMA.

WAHHA-HAHA: IT'S SAKE, IT'S SAKE!!
KAKKA-KAKA: ISN'T THIS BEING DONE BY THAT OLDIE WAN TAAREN!!
YEAH: I DIDN'T THINK THAT I WOULD BE DRINKING SAKE IN PUBLIC LIKE THIS WHILE IN SCHOOL.
TONIGHT WE'LL THOR-OUGHLY DRINK UP!!

PASSION! AN APHRODISIAC WITH JUST THIS!
JUST A MOMENT THE—RE! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING N—OW. YOU'VE COME TO LOVE ME!
YOU DUM-MIES! DON'T SHOW THOSE FILTHY THINGS---!!

TN: THE SONG THAT THESE GUYS ARE SINGING HERE IS "KUCHIBIRU KARA BIYAKU", A POPULAR SONG BY SHIZUKA KUDOU RELEASED IN JANUARY 1990 WHERE IT TOOK THE #1 POSITION ON THE CHARTS

SLURP
CAN YOU EAT THIS? IT'S SMOKED SNOW-MOUSE!!
SHOW RE-STRAINT ON THAT !!
THIS IS NO DIF-FERENT THAN WATER TO ME.
GAHHA-HAHA! DON'T YOU HAVE VODKA? DON'T YOU!!

ZOO
YOU'VE GOT TO SHOW YOU CAN DO SOME-THING!!
HEY, SOLIKETSU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DRINKING ALONE!!
AS YOU RE-QUEST ....!!
YO--!! I'VE WAITED FOR THIS --!

TORAMARU, PLACE THAT EMPTY SAKE BOTTLE ON TOP OF YOUR HEAD AND STAND IN A PLACE WITH THE TREE BEHIND YOU

BUT IS..IS THIS FINE AFTER DRINKING THAT SAKE!?
I..I DO HAVE FAITH IN YOUR SKILL WITH ARROWS,
WH...WHAT IS THIS: ARE YOU TRYING TO MIMIC WILLIAM TELL!?

FU, RIDICULOUS...!! DO YOU THINK MY ARTS, WHICH IS CALLED A DIVINE SKILL, WILL WEAKEN WITH THIS MUCH SAKE?
AH. YEAH, I BELIEVE YOU.!!
DON'T MOVE EVEN AN INCH!!

-"TOUKYUUJUTSU" = "WAR ARCHERY" -"RENSHATEKI" = "RAPID-FIRE BULLS-EYE"

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SEEMS I'M DRUNK AFTER ALL.
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WH... WHAT'S WITH "SEEMS I'M DRUNK AFTER ALL"---!!
!...IF I DIDN'T AVOID, MY WHOLE BODY WOULD HAVE BECOME A BEEHIVE ---!!

IT IS A DANCE OF GRATITUDE THAT IS SAID TO HAVE YOU LIVE A THOUSAND DAYS LONGER IF YOU SEE IT YOU SHOULD PAY ATTENTION AND WATCH THIS
THIS IS THE "DANCE OF CLEOPATRA", HANDED DOWN SINCE ANCIENT TIMES BY OUR PHARAOH SPHINX
OA DANCE OF CLEO PATRA !?
AL-RIGHT, I'LL BE NEXT.
DHA... DHAR AOH ---!!

WH.. WHAT IS THIS BAD-FEELING DANCE.....!!
MY LIFE SPAN'S BEEN SHRUNK A THOUSAND DAYS THANKS TO THAT---!!
WHERE IS THAT A DANCE OF GRATI-TUDE---!!
SIT DOWN! ARE YOU DOING THAT FOR-EVER, IDIOT---!!
TN: "TOKYO COMIC SHOW" IS A NOTABLE JAPANESE COMEDY DUO M...DE U... OF SHOJI IGARI (BORN IGARI SEIJIROU) AND KOIGUCHI JUNICHI
LET'S SNAKE, COME-ON!!
IS THIS TOKYO COMIC SHOW ..!!
SO THEN, I'LL REMOVE THIS BAD TASTE!!

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S MOMO!?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I DON'T SEE TOUDOU EITHER.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY .....!!
GOUKI.....!! I WELCOME YOUR ENTRANCE INTO OTOKOJUKU!
BUT ABOUT YOUR FATHER .....!!
DRINK .....!!

I DON'T MIND.
I, WHO WAS AN ABANDONED CHILD, WAS PICKED UP BY HIM AND RAISED TO BECOME A TOOL IN THAT HE COULD TRUST IN THE MOST... " THERE IS NO BLOOD RELA-TIONSHIP
AND I NEVER ONCE THOUGHT OF THAT DEVIL WHO WEARS THE SKIN OF A HUMAN AS MY FATHER
IF YOU HADN'T KILLED HIM, THEN, AT ANY RATE, I WOULD HAVE CHOPPED HIM!!
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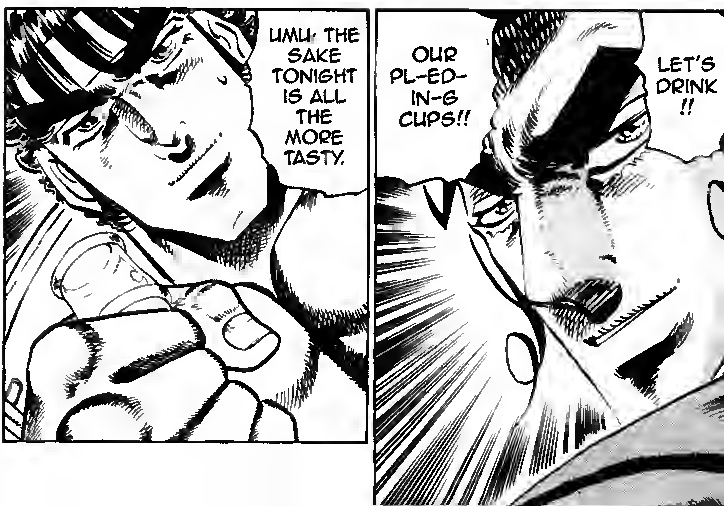
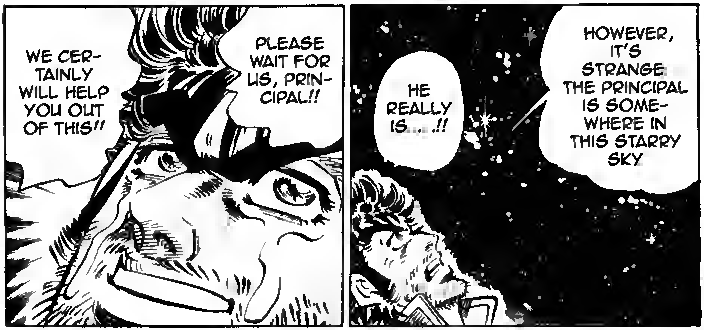

LET'S DRINK !!
OUR PL-ED-IN-G CUPS!!
UMU; THE SAKE TONIGHT IS ALL THE MORE TASTY.

UO---!! DON'T YOU HAVE ANYMORE SAKE---!

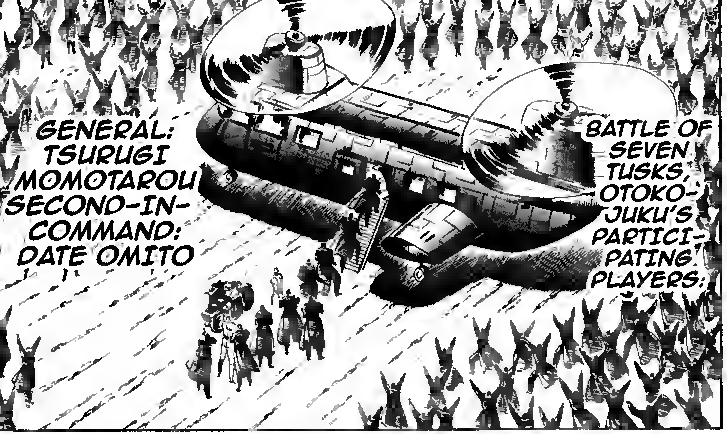
AAH, I'M NO GOOD ALREADY TOO
PUHA--I'VE DRUNK, I'VE DRUNK


WE CERTAINLY WILL HELP YOU OUT OF THIS!!
PLEASE WAIT FOR US, PRINCIPAL!!
HE REALLY IS... !!
HOWEVER, IT'S STRANGE THE PRINCIPAL IS SOMEWHERE IN THIS STARRY SKY

WH..WHAT IS THAT EAR-SPLIT-TING-LIKE ROAR.....!!
N..N.....!!
WH...WHAT, L....LOOK, IT'S A HE-LICOPTER!!
AM...ABSURD LY HUGE HE-LICOPTER FOR MILI-TARY USE IS IN THE SKY---!!

AAH, MY HEAD IS STILL DIZZY WITH THIS HANG-OVER!!
REALLY, THEY'RE NOISY GUYS FROM THIS MORN-ING.
AS PROMISED, WE'RE VISIT-ING TO PICK YOU UP FOR THE BATTLE OF SEVEN TUSKS FROM THE DARK TUSKS!!
GOOD MORNING, GENTLE-MEN OF OTOKO-JUKU!!
WELL, THE PARTICIPAT-ING PLAYERS SHOULD BOARD IMME-DIETLY!!
YOU CAN'T FORGET ME!!
IT SEEMS WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASH OUR FACES.
FU, SHALL WE GO?

TOUGOU SOUJI ----!!
I'M PARTICIPATING TOO IN THIS BATTLE OF SEVEN TUSKS!!
NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.
THERE'S NO TIME TO ARGUE WITH YOU.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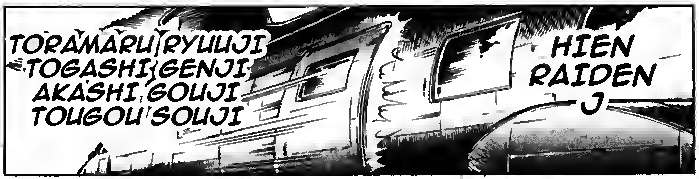
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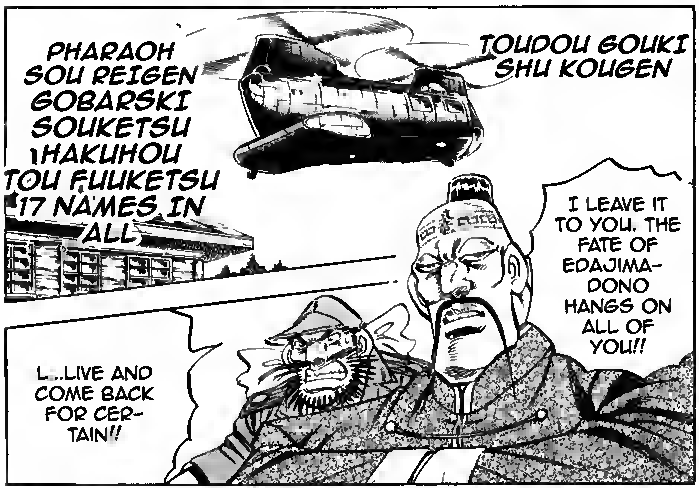
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17 NAMES IN ALL
TOUDOU GOUKI SHU KOUGEN
I LEAVE IT TO YOU. THE FATE OF EDAJIMA-DONO HANGS ON ALL OF YOU!!
I...LIVE AND COME BACK FOR CERTAIN!!

TN:

I WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO GIVE AN INCREDIBLE AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING IDEA REGARDING HOW GREAT THIS CHAPTER IS. BUT ONE PAGE SORT OF NEARLY THREW ME OFF I'LL GET TO THAT PAGE LATER BUT I'LL DO THE PROS FIRST

THIS CHAPTER OF OTOKOJUKU HONESTLY DIDN'T JUST FEEL LIKE A THROW-BACK TO THE GOOD-OLD DAYS OF THE SERIES. IN A WAY, IT AS, CONSIDERING IT WAS WACKY HIGH-SCHOOL HIJINXS WITH A BUNCH OF WEIRDO STUDENTS AND STAFF AND ANTIQUATED TRADITIONS. ONLY WITH A BIT OF SAKE THROWN IN FOR GOOD MEASURE (GOOD THINKING THERE, TAAREN. YEAH, SOMEHOW HE'S THE "COOL PRINCIPAL" WHEREAS EDAJIMA WAS ALWAYS "I AM THE PRINCIPAL OF OTOKOJUKU!" AND PUTTING HIS FOOT DOWN) BUT THIS CHAPTER ACTUALLY MADE ME REALIZE SOMETHING I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT OF BEFORE. THE WAY THAT THE NEW CHARACTERS WERE BLENDING IN WITH THE OLD ONES AND BECOMING "INTERACTIVE" AND "HUMAN" AS OPPOSED TO FIGHTING AUTOMATONS WAS. WELL, A GREAT STRATEGY

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SEEN CHARACTERS LIKE THESE IN A SCENARIO THAT DIDN'T INVOLVE KILLING ONE ANOTHER, AND SEEING HOW THEY'D REACT WITH THE DRINKING PARTY WAS JUST FUN, WHETHER IT WAS KOUSEN'S SMOKED MOUSE AND GOBARSKI'S "THIS ALCOHOL IS TOO WEAK" COMMENTS OR SOUKETSU'S DRUNK ARROW FIGHTING. TO JUST THE WEIRDNESS OF PHARAOH AND EVEN FUUKETSU'S SNAKE GAME! THESE CHARACTERS ACTUALLY FEEL RELATABLE AND LIKE PART OF A LARGE CAST INSTEAD OF JUST WHAT THEY WERE BEFORE, ALMOST LIKE THEY WERE NOW PART OF THE WACKY OTOKOJUKU FAMILY

BUT THEN, IT FINALLY CAME TO ME. THIS WASN'T THE FIRST TIME MIYASHITA ACTUALLY DID SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN HUMANIZING FIGHTERS OR ALLOWING US TO KNOW CHARACTERS BEFORE THEY WENT OUT TO THE WAR FRONT. STARTING WITH AKASHI'S LITTLE "VISITS" WITH MOMO BETWEEN SENPAI AND KOUHAI, WE'VE SEEN THESE CHARACTERS ACTUALLY BECOME RELATABLE TO THE OTOKOJUKU POPULACE. IT CONTINUED WITH J'S SILLY MOMENTS DURING THE START OF THE KYOURA DAIYON KYOUSATSU ARC (WHERE HE WAS THE "FREAKY FOREIGNER" ATTRACTION), WITH TORAMARU'S INTRODUCTION IN THE SAME ARC AND EVEN WITH LITTLE THINGS LIKE HIEN'S KNITTING OR DATE'S REVELATION OF EMOTION IN THE PAAREN SEIHA

EVEN IF WE HARDLY SEE THESE CHARACTERS OUTSIDE BATTLE SCENARIOS, THESE LITTLE MOMENTS ACTUALLY LET US SEE THEM IN A WAY THAT WE NORMALLY WOULDN'T DUE TO THE STRUCTURE OF OTOKOJUKU. AND IT'S THROUGH THEM THAT FOR THE MOST PART WE GET TO APPRECIATE WHO THEY ARE AND HOW THEY FIT INTO THE SCHEME OF THINGS

BUT BEFORE I ABANDON THESE THOUGHTS, I JUST NEED TO MAKE ONE MORE REALIZATION: WHILE ALL THESE CHARACTERS BEFORE AND NOW HAD THIS. THE THIRD-YEARS NEVER DID. JAKI, THE SHITENNOU AND THE CHINJU CORRIDOR TRIO REMAINED FOR THE MOST PART AS MYSTERIOUS AND POWERFUL UPPERCLASSMEN, WITH NO REAL PERIODS OF INTERACTION BETWEEN THEM AFTER THE PAAREN SEIHA AND BEFORE THE DAIBUKAI. SURE WE GOT A COUPLE QUIRKS OR HINTS (THE ECCENTRICITIES OF BARON DINO, MAYBE MANJIMARU AFTER HE LOST TO J...EVEN IF THAT TOO WAS THE PAAREN SEIHA), BUT THEY NEVER JUST WENT ANYTHING BEYOND THEIR BATTLE PERSONA OR "THEIR DUTY". WHILE I NEARLY WAS ABOUT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT WHY THEY ALWAYS FELT SO DISTANT.

I REALIZED SOMETHING. THEY WERE THE SUPER-SENIORS. THE THIRD-YEARS WERE FURTHER AHEAD IN THE TOTEM POLE COMPARED TO THE FIRST-YEAR FOCUS WE HAD. THEY WEREN'T JUST SENPAI BUT SURER-HIGH SENPAI THAT HAD TO BE TRUSTED AND RESPECTED FOR THEIR SENIORITY. SURE YOU WISH YOU KNEW WHAT ELSE THEY HAD, BUT I THINK NOW MIYASHITA PREVENTED US FROM KNOWING LITTLE BUT THEIR DUTY AS OTOKOJUKU STUDENTS AS A POINT OF THEM BEING SO SENIOR THAT THEY JUST COULD NEVER BECOME CLOSE OR PERSONABLE LIKE J OR THE GOUSAKUREN. OR THESE GUYS IN THIS CHAPTER. DOES THOUGH MAKE ONE WONDER WHAT JAKI DID IN HIS SPARE TIME THOUGH.

AS FOR THE ONE SLIGHT NEGATIVE THIS CHAPTER GAVE US: I DON'T QUITE KNOW IF I LIKE THE TWIST OF GOUKI NOT BEING LITERALLY RELATED TO TOUDOU TOO MUCH. CONSIDERING HOW MUCH OF A BIG DEAL THAT WAS IN THE WHOLE FINAL ARC AND THE CLIMAX OF THE DAIBUKAI, TO HAVE HIS REVELATION OF IT JUST PUT A MASSIVE DAMPER ON WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN INTERESTING CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT. I MEAN, SHIRAN WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE "ADOPTED AND TRAINED MONSTER", NOT TOUDOU'S OWN (SUPPOSEDLY) SON. (I ALSO HAVE ONE BIT OF COMPLAINT ABOUT SOU REIGEN NOT GETTING ANYTHING COMPARED TO THE OTHER DAIBUKAI NEWBIES. BUT HE WAS ALWAYS THE SERIOUS TYPE EVEN MORE THAN SOUKETSU)

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